

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2925  
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IMPORT DUTY ON COTTON AND SILK  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some State Governments have requested the Union Government to increase the import duty on cotton and China silk yarn to protect the domestic cotton silk industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) to (c) Union Government had received requests to increase duty on import of cotton. After taking into account the interests of all concerned and the prevailing difference between the domestic and international prices, Government hiked the customs duty on import of cotton from 5% to 10% with effect from 09.01.2002.  
The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have requested for increase in import duty on raw silk and other actions. Action has been initiated regarding investigation into anti dumping and the matter regarding increase in import duty is under consideration of the Government.