

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is giving more encouragement to the production of artificial fibres than cotton yarns;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to encourage the cotton production in the interest of public health;
- (d) whether any scientific study has been made to find out the best suited clothing fibre material for the people of our country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

- (a) & (b) : The Government has taken various measures to increase production of both Man Made Fibres and cotton yarn in the country through rationalization of the fiscal duty structure for increased growth and inflow of investment in these sectors.
- (c) The Government has taken various steps to increase the production of cotton in the country as under:-
- i) A Technology Mission on cotton has been launched to improve cotton processing facilities by upgrading/modernizing the existing ginning and pressing facilities and setting up of new market yards/improvement of existing market yards.
  - ii) A pest resistant variety of cotton, namely Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt), has been released commercially to improve the cotton yield.
  - iii) The Government has provided adequate canal water supply and encourages the efficient use of water resources and less use of farm chemicals.
- (d)&(e) No, Sir. There are no reports of any specific study being conducted to determine the suitability of clothing fibre in the country. The suitability of fibre for various regions of the country varies as per the climatic and local conditions.