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Details of Major Cotton Producing & Exporting nations

(figures in Million Metric Tonnes of cotton)

Country	2014-15 (Estimated)		2015-16(Estimated)		2016-17 (Projected)	
	Production	Export	Production	Export	Production	Export
India	6.56	0.98	5.75	1.17	5.97	0.85
China	3.55	2.45	2.81	1.99	3.69	2.77
Pakistan	6.50	0.02	4.75	0.03	4.74	0.02
USA	2.30	0.10	1.51	0.05	1.69	0.03
Brazil	1.56	0.85	1.29	0.94	1.42	0.66
Australia	0.53	0.52	0.63	0.62	1.01	0.84
Others	5.20	2.89	4.29	2.73	4.17	2.68
Total	26.20	7.81	21.03	7.53	22.69	7.85

Major markets for Indian Cotton exports are Bangladesh, Pakistan, Vietnam, Indonesia, Turkey, Thailand *etc*. Statement showing Country-wise export and its share with total export from India is at Annexure – II.

Country-wise Cotton Exports from India

Country	**2014-15**		**2015-16 (Provisional)**	
	Export (in lakh bales)	Share in total exports (%)	Export (in lakh bales)	Share in total exports (%)
Bangladesh	22.91	40%	21.50	31%
China	16.76	29%	6.46	9%
Pakistan	3.79	7%	27.16	39%
Indonesia	1.47	3%	2.88	4%
Vietnam	8.01	14%	6.17	9%
Thailand	0.80	1%	0.53	1%
Turkey	0.43	1%	1.17	2%
Others	3.55	6%	3.13	5%
Total Export	**57.72**	-	**69.00**	-

(Source: DGCIS, Kolkata)

In order to collect data for demand, supply, stocks, export & import position of cotton in the Country the Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) is constituted by Government of India. The Cotton Advisory Board has estimated the cotton export from the Country during cotton season 2016-17 at 50 lakh bales as against 69 lakh bales during the previous year.

The above information was given by the Minister of State, Textiles, Shri Ajay Tamta today, in a written reply to a Lok Sabha question.

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