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Cotton Lifeline of India and CAI in Service of the Nation

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Due to his relentless efforts, as President of the Solvent Extractors' Association of India from 2000 and 2001, the Government of India raised the import duty on vegetable oil four times in 15 months to save the Indian oilseed farmers and the indigenous processing industry from the onslaught of cheaper oil imports.

Cotton Lifeline of India: Indian Cotton story so far:

Cotton, as a textile fibre was grown in India from as early as 300 B.C. It is said to be one of the most commercially cultivated agricultural crops.

EXPERT'S Column



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Shri. Bajoria has represented vegetable oil industries on the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) committee. He was on the Managing Committee of Indian Merchants Chamber. Due to his exemplary work, Shri. Bajoria was declared as the "Oil Man of the year" in the International Conference on Vegetable Oil (Globoil), Mumbai, in 2001.

He had nominated by Government of India as Member of Managing Committee of "National Oilseeds & Oils Development Board" from 2005 to 2008. Also, He has been nominated on Consultative Committee of "Cotton Advisory Board" consecutively for four years by the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

He is very often interviewed by T.V. channels like CNBC Awaz, Zee Business and ET Now

The significance of cotton can be measured from the fact that India plants the world's largest cotton area (132.41 lakh hectares - 2020-21), (approx. 30-35% of world's cotton area), and produces approximately one-fifth of the world's cotton production, (370 lakh bales - year 2017-



18). Cotton production, yield and quality have significantly improved due to farmers choosing to plant hybrid Bt. cotton seeds on over 90 per cent of India's cotton area in previous years.

Thus, cotton growing and processing occupy a prominent position in our country and cotton fibre is the main base for textile and clothing industry. According to the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI), close to 65% of textile production and over 75% of textile exports of the country are still linked to cotton. Thus, king cotton continues to rule the fibre kingdom not only in India but all over the world, as per the views of the former East India Cotton Association Ltd.,

Cotton also plays a major role in sustaining the livelihood of 60-65 lakh farmers and 500-600 lakh people, engaged in cotton ginning, processing, marketing and other related activities in the country.

Cotton Lifeline of India/Relevance of Cotton to India

Dr. Rajan P. Nachane, former Principal Scientist & Head, Quality Evaluation & Improvement Division, CIRCOT, Mumbai, while delivering Dr. V. Sundaram Memorial Lecture

Series on "Cotton Value Chain" in CIRCOT, Mumbai in March, 2014 had stated: Cotton being a commercial crop of great economic importance, there exists a value chain in the sense that the seed cotton is converted into lint and then through the yarn and fabric route into garments and made ups for both internal consumption and export. However, in this conventional value chain, there are several weak as well as missing links.

The same are, however, not discussed in this article.

Profile of the Indian Textile Industry:

The Indian textile industry which is a combination of nearly 3000 spinning units, 200 or so composite mills and about 170 weaving mills is traditionally dependent on cotton as its predominant raw material. Today, India is not only self-sufficient in cotton, but the second largest consumer and exporter in the world according to a recent report of Cotton Association of India. Thus, India enjoys a predominant position in the world cotton market (vide tables 1 and 2 given below). Though with the advent of manmade fibres, the industry diversified its raw material in line with the time, cotton still accounts for about 60 per cent of the total fibre

consumption and the balance is manmade fibres, silk and wool.

Table 1 Consumption of Cotton
(Combined for Mills and Non Mills)
(In lakh bales of 170 kgs each)

Years	Consumption
2015-2016	315.28
2016-2017	310.40
2017-2018	315.00
2018-2019	315.50
2019-2020	315.00
2020-2021	335.00
2021-2022	345.00 (P)

P = Provisional

(As estimated by the Committee on Cotton Production and Consumption (COCPC) in its meeting held on 10th August, 2022)

Table 2 Export of Cotton from India
(In lakh bales of 170 kgs. each)

Years	Export
2015-2016	69.07
2016-2017	58.21
2017-2018	44.00
2018-2019	47.04
2019-2020	65.00
2020-2021	77.59
2021-2022	40.00 (E)

E = Estimated

(As estimated by the Committee on Cotton Production and Consumption (COCPC) in its meeting held on 10th August, 2022)

Thus, there is strong justification in the statement that "Cotton is the lifeline of India"





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Cotton Association of India's HVI
Laboratories in the major cotton
growing regions of India





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Cotton Testing and Research Laboratory (NABL ACCREDITED & ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFIED)

The CAI's network of independent cotton testing & research laboratories are strategically spread across major cotton centers in India and are equipped with

State-of-the-art technology & world-class Premier and MAG cotton testing machines
HVI test mode with trash% tested gravimetrically

CAI LABORATORIES AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

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CAI in Service of the Nation

The Cotton Association of India, (CAI) formerly known as the “**East India Cotton Association Limited**” is going to complete their centenary year on 18th October, 2022. To commemorate this epoch-making hundred years occasion, the CAI, has requested an article on this topic.

Presently CAI and formerly the East India Cotton Association Ltd., have played a memorable part in not only the development of cotton marketing in India, but also in the service of the cotton economy in particular, and the textile industry of the country, in general. Before Independence, the Association had played a historic role in resisting the colonial cotton policy of the alien British government, and what is more, even after Independence, it resisted equally vehemently the populist cotton controls, which too, disappointingly, had affected adversely the growth of the cotton economy and the interests of the cotton farmers. The Association was in the vanguard of both these “freedom” movements—one political and the other economic.

The role and significance of cotton in the country’s economy has been presented above. Due to the CAI’s being actively involved with the cotton economy of the country and in rendering services in various ways, as mentioned below, to make cotton economy and thereby the country’s economy fruitful, it is correct to say that ‘**CAI in serving the Nation**’.

Activities and Role of CAI

i) “Stakeholder in the Committee on Cotton Production and Consumption (COCPC)”, newly formed Committee of the Government, replacing former Cotton Advisory Board (CAB)

At present the CAI, is a stakeholder in the Committee on Cotton Production and Consumption (COCPC) formed by the Government in September, 2020 replacing the former Cotton Advisory Board, (CAB). Since one of the roles of COCPC is to arrive at domestic production, consumption, import and export of cotton for each “Cotton Year” (Oct-Sept), the Committee bases its above estimates by eliciting the views of all Stakeholders (including CAI), CAI also furnishes to the above Committee, the prices

of lint cotton, variety wise, cotton, throughout the marketing year.

- ii) CAI, assesses and releases state-wise estimate of cotton crop for the ensuing season (beginning October), as well as cotton projection for the new season through its Crop Committee in all cotton growing regions.
- iii) CAI, projects yearly balance-sheet of cotton, showing supply-demand scenario, import and export for the cotton season.
- iv) CAI, furnishes details of cotton arrivals for each month of the cotton season to COCPC, as and when Committees meetings are held.
- v) **CAI brings out weekly publication - Cotton Statistics & News**

CAI, publishes a weekly every Tuesday called “Cotton Statistics & News” containing important news, data on Indian cotton/economic scenario and very important and educative articles on various aspects of cotton, country’s economy contributed by cotton scientists, economists, researches and dignitaries occupying high offices in government, research institutes, sister associations and market specialists, etc. It has a wide readership.

vi) CAI provides cotton testing facility at multiple laboratories and also a volume based discount scheme, to ensure cotton quality.

vii) CAI, is also keen to join hand in farmers’ training scheme, improvement in cotton quality and its branding.

CAI, also has a tradition of celebrating all important festivals of the country like Independence Day, Republic Day, etc. with great fervour with many people in attendance. These help in arousing religious feelings and feeling of nationality among the participants.

Thus, CAI is determined to provide various services to the cotton/textile sector and thereby to the nation and contribute its mite in fulfilling the dreams of our Honble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modiji. Hence CAI, (formerly East India Cotton Association Ltd.) is dedicated to the cause of Indian cotton and has been in the service of the nation, since the year 1921.

UPCOUNTRY SPOT RATES (Rs./Qtl)													
Standard Descriptions with Basic Grade & Staple in Millimetres based on Upper Half Mean Length [By law 66 (A) (a) (4)]								Spot Rate (Upcountry) 2021-22 Crop December 2022					
Sr. No.	Growth	Grade Standard	Grade	Staple	Micronaire	Gravimetric Trash	Strength /GPT	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1	P/H/R	ICS-101	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	4%	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	P/H/R (SG)	ICS-201	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	4.5%	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	GUJ	ICS-102	Fine	22mm	4.0 – 6.0	13%	20	15607 (55500)	15607 (55500)	15607 (55500)	15607 (55500)	15607 (55500)	15550 (55300)
4	KAR	ICS-103	Fine	23mm	4.0 – 5.5	4.5%	21	16872 (60000)	16872 (60000)	16872 (60000)	16872 (60000)	16872 (60000)	16872 (60000)
5	M/M (P)	ICS-104	Fine	23mm	4.5 – 7.0	4%	22	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)
6	P/H/R(U) (SG)	ICS-202	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	4.5%	26	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	M/M(P)/SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	26mm	3.0 – 3.4	4%	25	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)
8	P/H/R(U)	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	4%	26	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	M/M(P)/SA/TL/G	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.0 – 3.4	4%	25	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)
10	M/M(P)/SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	3.5%	26	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)
11	P/H/R(U)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	4%	27	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	27	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)
13	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	27	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)
14	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	27	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)
15	R(L)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	28	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	28	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	28	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	28	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	29	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	SA/TL/K/O	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	29	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	30	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	SA/TL/K/TN/O	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	30	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	SA/TL/K/TN/O	ICS-106	Fine	32mm	3.5 – 4.2	3%	31	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)	N.A. (N.A.)
24	M/M(P)	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	2.8 - 3.7	4%	33	20246 (72000)	20246 (72000)	20246 (72000)	20246 (72000)	20246 (72000)	20106 (71500)
25	K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	2.8 - 3.7	3.5%	34	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	M/M(P)	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	4%	35	20809 (74000)	20809 (74000)	20809 (74000)	20809 (74000)	20809 (74000)	20668 (73500)
27	K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	3.5%	35	-	-	-	-	-	-

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1	P/H/R	ICS-101	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	4%	15	17687 (62900)	17687 (62900)	17687 (62900)	17687 (62900)	17687 (62900)	17687 (62900)
2	P/H/R (SG)	ICS-201	Fine	Below 22mm	5.0 – 7.0	4.5%	15	17884 (63600)	17884 (63600)	17884 (63600)	17884 (63600)	17884 (63600)	17884 (63600)
3	GUJ	ICS-102	Fine	22mm	4.0 – 6.0	13%	20	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	KAR	ICS-103	Fine	23mm	4.0 – 5.5	4.5%	21	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	M/M (P)	ICS-104	Fine	23mm	4.5 – 7.0	4%	22	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	P/H/R(U) (SG)	ICS-202	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	4.5%	26	17322 (61600)	17181 (61100)	17181 (61100)	17266 (61400)	17406 (61900)	17462 (62100)
7	M/M(P)/SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	26mm	3.0 – 3.4	4%	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	P/H/R(U)	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	4%	26	17434 (62000)	17294 (61500)	17294 (61500)	17378 (61800)	17519 (62300)	17575 (62500)
9	M/M(P)/SA/TL/G	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.0 – 3.4	4%	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	M/M(P)/SA/TL	ICS-105	Fine	27mm	3.5 – 4.9	3.5%	26	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	P/H/R(U)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.5 – 4.9	4%	27	18025 (64100)	17884 (63600)	17884 (63600)	17969 (63900)	18109 (64400)	18165 (64600)
12	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	27	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	27	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	28mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	27	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	R(L)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	28	18278 (65000)	18137 (64500)	18137 (64500)	18222 (64800)	18362 (65300)	18419 (65500)
16	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	28	18840 (67000)	18700 (66500)	18643 (66300)	18643 (66300)	18419 (65500)	18475 (65700)
17	SA/TL/K	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	28	18897 (67200)	18756 (66700)	18700 (66500)	18700 (66500)	18475 (65700)	18531 (65900)
18	GUJ	ICS-105	Fine	29mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	28	18981 (67500)	18784 (66800)	18784 (66800)	18784 (66800)	18559 (66000)	18700 (66500)
19	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.7 – 4.5	3.5%	29	18981 (67500)	18840 (67000)	18840 (67000)	18840 (67000)	18559 (66000)	18643 (66300)
20	SA/TL/K/O	ICS-105	Fine	30mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	29	19065 (67800)	18925 (67300)	18925 (67300)	18925 (67300)	18643 (66300)	18728 (66600)
21	M/M(P)	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	30	19543 (69500)	19262 (68500)	19262 (68500)	19262 (68500)	18981 (67500)	18981 (67500)
22	SA/TL/K/TN/O	ICS-105	Fine	31mm	3.7 – 4.5	3%	30	19628 (69800)	19346 (68800)	19346 (68800)	19346 (68800)	19065 (67800)	19065 (67800)
23	SA/TL/K/TN/O	ICS-106	Fine	32mm	3.5 – 4.2	3%	31	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	M/M(P)	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	2.8 - 3.7	4%	33	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	34mm	2.8 - 3.7	3.5%	34	21090 (75000)	21090 (75000)	21090 (75000)	21090 (75000)	21090 (75000)	20809 (74000)
26	M/M(P)	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	4%	35	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	K/TN	ICS-107	Fine	35mm	2.8 - 3.7	3.5%	35	21512 (76500)	21652 (77000)	21652 (77000)	21652 (77000)	21652 (77000)	21371 (76000)

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