



OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF INDIAN COTTON

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I thank Cotton Association of India and all my friends present here for giving me an opportunity to represent Bangladesh to present my views on the subject.

Bangladesh is now a textile giant in the world and this sector is growing multifold.

The spinning industry of Bangladesh demand is now 1.2 million Mts out of which almost 50 % is Indian cotton. So here lies the opportunities for the Indian cotton.

India on the other hand is now the largest producer of Cotton in the world and Bangladesh is the biggest and also the largest importer of cotton in the world.

Opportunities for Indian Cotton

- 1 | The varieties of cotton available in India i.e. from short staple to extra long staple.
- 2 | The logistic support. i.e. the lead time of shipment is less. We import cotton from land port and seaport both due to being a neighboring country.
- 3 | Due to our long time business and trade relations, and similarity of culture and language favors our trade relations.

4 | We spin from 6 count to 100 count cotton yarn for both knitting and weaving. So we require varieties of cotton of diff staple and parameters.

5 | Due to huge expansion of spinning mill in Bangladesh and demand of cotton increasing everyday, there is more scope for Indian cotton.

6 | A good quantity of exports of dyes, chemicals, machineries, and technical know how, promotes increase in good relations with Bangladesh textile industry. Centering the textile industry in Bangladesh, the relation between the two countries is at an all time high. Due to this the other related business (logistics, transportation) is also increasing and contributing to the relationship.

Challenges with Indian Cotton



QUALITY

Variation in Length, MIC and strength. Proper grading should be done right from the fields (segregating mature and immature kapas)

The kapas also gets mixed in the mandis . Ginnery should make different heaps for different parameters of cotton.

As you all know Bangladesh is a leading garment exporter to the European and American markets. To fulfill their quality requirement we spinners have to do 100% bale management. Considering our requirements the above point should be seriously taken care.

Packing



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Sometimes inferior cotton packing has lot of bale bust and pilferages. We suggest the use of good quality straps and packing materials.



Contamination

Since Indian cotton is manually picked and also manually handled at different stages, which results in more contamination. We should train our workers and farmers to take adequate measures.

Trash

The Ginners should use their pre cleaners and post cleaning machines in the ginning to reduce the trash contents.





Moisture

is definitely required to press the cotton bales. But please avoid more moisture for weight gain. More water has a lot of negative impact on the cotton fiber.

We understand that Indian spinners use the stock cotton in short period of time. Where as in our Country we have to store the bales for months. Due to high moisture we face the following problems.

A) The color grade of the cotton deteriorates. The fibre becomes yellowish.



| The GPT

B) The GPT (The strength of the fibers) reduces.



Cakes

C) Cakes are formed inside the bales in due course of time. This is a total waste.

The water effected bales are unusable to spin quality yarn.

Sometimes immediate stuffing of more moistured bales in the container and the container being sealed has major problem. Since the water cannot evaporate from inside the container the damage is multifold.



As per my knowledge to produce two bales of cotton require one acre of land. In the situation we should all honor our farmers hard work and avoid damaging the bales by more moisture.

However all cotton stake holders should get together time to time and address various problems faced by both sides to strengthen trade relations.

Friends , to strengthen our relations with Indian suppliers we have organized a Bangladesh India cotton fest 2016, on 5th March. I take the opportunity to invite all my Indian friends to the fest.

Thank You
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