

The Cotton Industry (Statistics) Act, 1926
(ACT NO. XX OF 1926)

^{1♣}An Act to provide for the regular submission of returns of quantities of cotton goods manufactured and cotton yarn spun in Bangladesh.

WHEREAS it is expedient, [* * *] to provide for the regular submission of returns of the quantities of cotton goods manufactured and cotton yarn spun in Bangladesh; It is hereby enacted as follows:-

Short title and extent	<p>1. (1) This Act may be called the Cotton Industry (Statistics) Act, 1926.</p> <p>(2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh.</p>
Definitions	<p>2. For the purposes of this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-</p> <p>(a) "cotton goods" or "goods" includes all tissues and other articles (except yarn and thread) woven, knitted or otherwise manufactured wholly or partly from cotton yarn;</p> <p>(b) "cotton yarn" or "yarn" means yarn wholly or partly composed of cotton fibres;</p> <p>(c) "mill" means any building or place where cotton goods are woven, knitted or otherwise manufactured, or where cotton yarn is spun, by machinery moved otherwise than by manual labour, and includes every part of such building or place;</p> <p>(d) "owner", in relation to any mill includes the managing agent or other principal officer of the mill; and</p> <p>(e) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act.</p>
Delivery of monthly	<p>3. (1) The owner of every mill shall each month prepare and deliver, or cause to be prepared and delivered, to the prescribed officer a return of all</p>

**returns of
goods and
yarn
manufactured
by mill-
owners**

cotton goods manufactured and all cotton yarn spun in the mill during the preceding month by machinery moved otherwise than by manual labour, and shall subscribe a declaration of the truth to the return at the foot thereof.

(2) Save as may be otherwise prescribed, every such return shall state, in a respect of each description of goods and of yarn, the quantity manufactured during the period to which the return relates, and shall contain such further information, and be in such form and be subject to such conditions as to verification and otherwise, as may be prescribed.

(3) Every such return shall be delivered to the prescribed officer or posted to his address within seven days after the end of the month to which it relates.

**Power to
inspect
mills and
take copies
of records**

4. (1) Any officer authorized by the Government by order in writing in this behalf shall have free access at all reasonable times during working hours to any mill may at any time, with or without notice to the owner, examine and take copies of, or extracts from, the records of the mill for the purpose of testing the accuracy of any return made under section three, or of informing himself as to any particulars regarding which information is required for the purposes of this Act or any rules made thereunder:

Provided that no officer not especially empowered by the Government in this behalf shall be entitled to inspect any record containing the description or formulae of any trade process.

(2) All copies and extracts and all information acquired by any officer in the inspection of any mill under this section shall be treated as strictly confidential.

**Publication
of returns**

5. The Government shall, from the returns delivered under section 3, cause to be compiled and published, in such form as it may direct, statements showing for each month the total quantities of goods manufactured and of yarn spun in mills in ²[Bangladesh].

**Power to
make rules**