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Title: Regarding immediate procurement of Jute bags according to Central Government's decision.

SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE (SREERAMPUR): Sir, according to the Press Release dated 22nd November, 2018, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs had taken a decision that the procurement of 100 per cent jute bags for all sectors and 20 per cent for sugar will be made. But this procurement is not being made. This is a decision of the Central Government and the aim is to help the jute industry. The jute industries are really suffering. In two districts of Hooghly and North 24 Parganas of West Bengal, we have at least 25 jute mills. They are all suffering. I would request that the Ministry of Textile must implement this Cabinet decision which was taken for the purpose of procurement of jute bags from the jute mills. But no procurement is being made. Around 60 per cent jute mills have closed down and lakhs and lakhs of jute workers have become unemployed. Therefore, my request is that procurement should start immediately.