

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIFICATIONS FOR USE OF JUTE BAGS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government are aware of the discrimination with the Indian consumers in the matter of usage of packaging material;
- (b) whether an International Jute Organisation held a workshop in Kolkata in the recent past for establishing an International Standard specification for jute bags for packaging urea, food grade materials etc;
- (c) if so, the salient features of the outcome of this workshop; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V DHANANJAY KUMAR)

- (a) There is no discrimination against the Indian consumers in the matter of usage of packaging materials.
- (b) to (d) The International Jute Organisation (IJO) held a workshop in Kolkata on 9th and 10th February, 1998 for establishing an International Standard Specification in respect of jute bags used in the packing of cocoa, coffee and shelled nuts. The workshop recommended adoption of the standard entitled `special criteria for the manufacture of jute bags used in the packing of selected food materials (cocoa beans, coffee beans and shelled nuts)` and to take appropriate measures to ensure compliance of the new standard. India is exporting jute bags conforming to these standards to those buyers who demand the same.