

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2399  
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2000  
KATIHAR JUTE MILL  
NIKHIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY;RAJESH RANJAN (PAPPU YADAV)

**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the R.B.H.M. Jute mill of Katihar has been closed since 02.11.99 due to lack of supply of raw jute;
- (b) whether J.C.I. has stopped supply of raw jute to jute mills because guarantee related papers were not given to it by the Textiles Ministry;
- (c) whether about three thousand workers have become jobless due to closure of jute mills and they are on the verge of starvation;
- (d) whether the Government propose to restart the closed jute mills without delay by supplying raw jute through the J.C.I.;
- (e) if so, the time by which it would be done and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government propose to provide autonomous management to RBHM jute mills; and (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a)to(e) No, Sir. The production work in R.B.H.M. Jute Mill in Katihar, has temporarily stopped since 28.10.99 on account of stoppage of supply of raw jute by Jute Corporation of India in view of non-payment of arrear dues of raw jute by NJMC. The Government is taking various measures to restart production in the mill by procuring raw jute under a buy-back arrangement with STC. Efforts are also being made to run the NJMC mills on conversion basis.No workers have been deprived of their jobs due to the stoppage of work as Government is providing funds for payment of salary and wages to the regular employees and workers of the mills.

(f) No Sir.

(g) Does not arise.