

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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JUTE MANUFACTURING MACHINES
CHANDRAKANT BHURAO KHAIRE

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the jute mill owners are unable to replace their decrepit machines because there is no company in the country that makes jute manufacturing machines ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to encourage entrepreneurs to manufacture the jute machines;
- (d) whether the Government are providing financial aid in terms of subsidies to those who are interested in it; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE. N RAMACHANDRAN)

- (a) No Sir. There are jute machines manufacturers in the country who are manufacturing machines for jute mills.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Under assistance of Govt. of India and UNDP, the Indian Jute Mills Association and Research Associations of the country have developed a number of new technology jute machinery for modernization and diversification of Jute Industry. The first phase of such machines is undergoing evaluation in jute mills. National Centre for Jute Diversification (NCJD) has also sponsored projects for development of jute machinery suitable for both organised and unorganized sector.
- (d) & (e): Govt. of India and UNDP have provided fund for development of jute machinery to IJMA and Research Institutions as grant. NCJD is also providing fund for development of jute machinery. Funds are also being provided by the Govt. under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme to jute industry for procuring machinery at subsidized rate of interest.