

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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JUTE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to introduce any scheme to give impetus to jute production in the country particularly in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to re-start the jute mill in Siwan (Bihar);
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be reopened; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL))

- (a) The National Textiles Policy-2000, envisages to launch a Technology Mission on Jute for all-round development of jute sector in the country including Bihar.
- (b) As per the proposed draft, the Jute Technology Mission is to be operated through 4 Mini-Missions, consisting of different aspects of jute related activities in the field of agriculture, industry and marketing of raw jute and finished products. The main objectives, inter-alia, are (i) to increase the productivity of jute, mesta and allied fibre by inventing superior varieties of seeds having shorter life-cycle of the crop, (ii) to create strong market linkages of raw jute and mesta (iii) to increase productivity in jute industry by adopting proven technologies and modernization and (iv) to increase production base of diversified jute products throughout the country.
- (c) There is no Government owned jute mill in Siwan (Bihar).
- (d) & (e) Do not arise.