

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3908  
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MSP ON JUTE  
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV

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

- (a) the total jute production in the country during 2002-2003;
- (b) the details of its Minimum Support Price;
- (c) whether the Government propose to increase its Minimum Support Price; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) The total jute production including Mesta in the country during 2002-03 was 110 lakh bales of 180 kg each.

(b) The Government declares the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of raw jute on the basis of recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). The MSP for TD-5 grade of raw jute at Assam level was Rs. 850 per quintal during 2002-03. The details of Minimum Support Price for TD-5 grade jute at Assam level for the Jute Years from 1996-97 to 2003-04 are given below:

Minimum Support Price of Jute for TD-5 Grade at Assam

(In Rs./Qntl.)

Jute Year (July-June) Price (Rs./Qntl) Increase over previous year

1996-97	510	20
1997-98	570	60
1998-99	650	80
1999-2000	750	100
2000-2001	785	35
2001-2002	810	25
2002-2003	850	40
2003-2004	860	10

(c) & (d) The Government is announcing ever-increasing Minimum Support Price for jute year after year. The details of the increases in MSP is given in Column (3) of the above Table.