

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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JUTE PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether only five per cent of jute production in the country went towards making products of jute diversification;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) The details of the initiatives taken by the Government to promote diversification of jute products;
- (d) Whether the Government proposes to set up a National Jute Technology Mission; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (c): The present share of the Jute Diversified Products (JDPs) is about 8% of the total jute goods production in the country. The Government has initiated a number of measures to boost production of JDPs in the country. The measures include programmes run by the National Centre for Jute Diversification (NCJD). These are: (1) the Jute Service Centre Scheme, (2) the Jute Raw Material Bank Scheme, (3) the Market Support Scheme, (4) the Jute Entrepreneur Assistance Scheme, (5) the Micro Finance Scheme, (6) the Machinery Development Scheme, and (7) the Design & Development Scheme. The Jute Manufacturers Development Council also has a Capital Subsidy Scheme for the modernization of jute mills.

(d) & (e): The Government is considering a proposal to implement a Jute Technology Mission in the country. However, the project is yet to be approved by the Competent Authority.