

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF JUTE
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether jute exports during the first five months of the current fiscal has increased to a greater extent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which this has increased in comparison with the last year; and
- (d) the steps taken by the government to boost the exports of jute further in future?.

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir . The export of jute goods during the first five months of the current fiscal has increased considerably as compared to the same period of last year. The same may be seen from the table below:

Qty :	000 M'ton				
Value :	Rs./Million				
	US\$/Million				
Major categories	April - August 205	April to August 2004			
of jute products					
	Qty Value /	Rs. Qty Value /Rs.			
Hessian	35.4 978.77	22.7 592.99			
Sacking	16.8 462.99	12.5 319.01			
Yarn	31.8 1105.21	38.5 1043.74			
JDPs	1024.60	522.27			
Others	6.3 204.47	5.6 16.34			
Total	90.3 3776.04	79.3 2637.35			
	=US\$ 86.63	= US\$ 56.96			

Source: Jute Manufactures Development Council, Kolkata

Exports during April-August 2005 is higher by 43 per cent in Indian Rupees as compared to the same period of April – August 2004. In terms of quantity, cumulative export during April –August 2005 is also higher by 14 per cent as compared to same period of April-August 2004.

(d) Government is encouraging export of jute goods through a host of schemes, such as:-

The External Market Assistance (EMA) Scheme which is in operation since 1988-89 enables the exporters to avail assistance on export of specified jute products at a specified rate on FOB Value.

The Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) scheme which is in operation from July 2002 enables the exporters to avail benefits on exports of specified jute products.

The Duty drawback – 2005-06 announced by Ministry of Finance (Dept. of Revenue) includes, among others, specific jute and jute products for duty drawback w.e.f 5.5.2005.

The JMDC Incentive Scheme of Modernisation and Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFs) for modernisation of the jute industry.

Market promotion schemes of JMDC such as participation in specialized international fairs/exhibitions, holding Buyer-Seller Meets, development of new diversified jute products etc.