

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL JUTE POLICY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the performance of jute sector keeping in view the National Jute Policy, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the objectives set under this policy are being achieved;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore indicating the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

- (a) : Yes, Sir. The Government has assessed the performance of the jute sector and have taken decisions to implement the objectives of the National Jute Policy, 2005.
- (b) : The decision of the Cabinet regarding approval for launching of Jute Technology Mission (JTM) and establishing a National Jute Board have been arrived at after wide consultation with concerned Ministries and an indepth review of the relevant factors. The memorandum for Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) of the Jute Technology Mission brought out in July, 2005 provides a detailed review of the jute sector, identifying the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) of the jute sector. Accordingly, goals/objective have been set up in the National Jute Policy, 2005 to address all the ills of the jute sector.
- (c) & (d): Among the several objectives stated in the National Jute Policy, 2005, some have been implemented and others are being addressed. The JTM is in the process of being operationalized and the establishment of the National Jute Board which would synchronise and synergise the integrated development of the jute sector as a whole is already before the Parliament in the form of a Bill. The setting up of the National Institute of Natural Fibres and National Jute and Jute Textiles Museum are under active consideration.
- (e) : Does not arise.