

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF JUTE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) The production of jute during the last three years ;
- (b) Whether the Government are aware that the jute output fall significantly during the current season; and
- (c) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) : The estimates of production of jute in terms of bales of 180 kgs. each, during 2001-02, 2002-03 are 105.84 lakh bales and 103.40 lakh bales respectively. According to the Fourth Advance Estimates released on 5.8.2004, the production of jute during 2003-04 is 102.65 lakh bales.

(b) & (c) : During the nineties and even in 2000-01, the production of jute was much below the level of 100 lakh bales of 180 kgs. each. However, as shown above during 2001-02 to 2003-04 the production of jute is estimated to be above the level of 100 lakh bales. During the current season that is 2004-05, because of erratic monsoon during the month of July, area under jute cultivation has been less than the corresponding area in 2003-04. However, with the revival of the monsoon in the month of August it is expected that the area loss under jute will be recovered .