

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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JUTE EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched a National Policy on jute so as to give a fillip to export of jute and jute products;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the jute policy;
- (c) the manner in which the policy emphasizes the need to develop next generation jute machinery which is very vital for exporting our jute products to other countries;
- (d) the share of India in the jute exports of the world ;
- (e) whether any target has been set for the 10th plan to export jute;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the achievements made so far in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient features of the policy are to increase the quantity of export of jute and jute products by achieving a CAGR of 15% per annum, produce good quality jute fibre and value added diversified jute products, ensure remunerative prices to the jute farmers and enhance per hectare yield of raw jute.

(c) For the successful development of next-generation Jute Machinery to reduce the cost of production and / or quality improvement, as also for aiding export of jute products, the National Jute Policy, 2005 recommended that the following measures have to be put in place in a time span of five years:

(i) To complete comprehensive Benchmarking (through Technology Audit) to assess the present technological status of the jute industry ;

(ii) To formulate a 5 year Plan for machinery development, for both the organized and decentralized sectors (and also for the cottage industry); and

(iii) To establish a separate R&D set-up in the area of a Public-Private Partnership in consultation with the appropriate Ministries of the Government of India.

The National Jute Policy also envisages the establishment of a Jute Technology Mission (JTM). Mini Mission –IV of the Mission has a component for Machinery Development.

(d) As per statistics : June, 2006, published by FAO, World exports of jute, kenaf and allied fibres during 2004 was 7,40,200 M.Ton. India's export during 2004-05 was 3,21, 800 M.Ton. This constituted 43 per cent of world export.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Export Target fixed for of the 10th Plan period is US\$ 634.52 million for Jute, Hemp, Mesta Textiles.

(g) Export Performance of Indian Jute Sector during the 10th Plan period is given below :-

Year	Qty. ('000 M.Ton)	Value (Rs./Crore)	US\$ / Million
2002-03	226.0	913.32	187.00
2003-04	310.4	1051.88	234.00
2004-05	321.8	1146.90	263.00
2005-06	285.8	1186.24	276.00
2006-07	1144.0	4298.34	960.00

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