

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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RE INTRODUCTION OF EXTERNAL MARKET ASSISTANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to re-introduce the erstwhile External Market Assistance Scheme for jute manufactures in view of the steady rise in production of jute and its negative growth in export;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to provide support for diversification of jute industry in other areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/ proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The Government of India has launched Jute Technology Mission (JTM) with effect from 2007-08, spanning a period of five years for overall development of the Jute Industry. JTM is being implemented in a Mission Mode and Mini Mission-IV with 9 Scheme components. Out of these 4 Schemes components relate to promotion of Jute Diversification as given below:-

- 1) Design and Development of Jute Diversified Products including Jute Geo Textiles.
- 2) Helping the NGOs and Women Self Help Groups (WSHG) for developing Jute Diversified Products.
- 3) Scheme for Promotion of Jute Diversified Products.
- 4) Scheme for setting up Jute Parks for the Diversified Sector.