

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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JUTE SACKING MATERIAL
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the level of reservation recommended by the Government under the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packaging Commodities) Act, 1987 during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether it has been reported that jute industry is not producing adequate jute sacking material as provided for in JPM Act;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to impress upon the jute industry to meet the demand of jute sacks and supply as per the demand?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a): The level of reservation recommended by the Government under the Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 during the last three jute- years (July-Jute) and the current year is as under:

Jute-Year Sugar Food grains
(July-June)

2006-07 100% 100%

2007-08 100% 100%

2008-09 100% 100%

2009-10 100% 100%

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. In the recent past , the jute industry has not been able to produce adequate quantity of the jute sacking material to meet the requirement of food grain procurement agencies. The main reasons for shortfall are:

(i) The demand for jute sacking material by Government food grain procurement agencies has increased by 20-25% during the last two years.

(ii) The jute mills strike in West Bengal from 01.12.2008 to 18.12.2008 in 2008-09 and again from 14.12.2009 to 13.02.2010 in 2009-10, severely affected the production of jute sacking material.

(d):Government has been taking pro-active steps to help the jute industry to meet its supply commitments by facilitating the resolution of jute mills strike, by institutionalizing a dialogue process with the industry to resolve issues of concern to jute industry and by implementing schemes to modernize the work processes and machinery in the jute industry.