

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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JUTE GEO TEXTILES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether jute is being used for modern life style products such as fashion accessories, road construction etc. in the form of jute-geo textiles;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the specific areas of its expansion;
- (c) whether any such project under joint venture with Bangladesh is proposed to be initiated by the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Jute in the form of Jute Geotextiles (JGT) are used in road construction. JGT is not being used for modern lifestyle products. The specific areas of its application are:

Road construction, especially medium and low volume roads.

River bank erosion control.

Stabilisation of flood and road embankments &

Hill slope erosion control.

Soft soil consolidation and

Watershed management.

(c) & (d): An international project on 'Development and Application of Potentially Important Jute Geotextiles in Rural Road Construction and Erosion Control' has recently been launched. The project was mooted by the International Jute Study Group (IJS), Bangladesh with Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) providing 51.60% of the project cost (US\$ 3,962,826) as grant.

The project will cover India and Bangladesh and several European countries.

The objectives of the project would be:-

(i) Development of potentially important Jute Geotextiles (JGT) suitable for use in the two identified end-uses viz. soil erosion control and rural road construction.

(ii) Standardisation of potentially important JGT, evolving design methodologies based on simulation studies & field applications.

The purpose of the project is to expand domestic and international market, especially in European countries, of JGT in the two specific areas of application through international accreditation.