

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PRICE STABILITY FUND FOR JUTE
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is actively considering to set up a price stability fund to provide benefit to jute growers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the scheme would be launched;
- (d) whether decline has been registered in the cultivation area of jute;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to encourage jute cultivation?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): At present, there is no proposal to launch any such fund.
- (d) to (f): The area under cultivation has been fluctuating between 7.60 lakh Ha and 8.17 lakh Ha, during last five years. To encourage jute cultivation, Government has taken following steps:
 - (i) Fixing Minimum Support Price (MSP) and conducting Price Support operations whenever prices fall below MSP.
 - (ii) Jute Technology Mission is implemented in various jute growing States.
 - (iii) Certified Jute Seeds are distributed by Jute Corporation of India.