

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PERFORMANCE OF JUTE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the performance of jute sector keeping in view the competitive open market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether jute cultivation is declining in different States in an alarming rate;
- (d) if so, the details thereof since last five years, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government is aware about the reasons of decline of jute cultivation; and
- (f) if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government to encourage jute cultivation?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The government assesses the performance of jute sector from time to time. Some of the salient features are as follows:-

- (i) The area of cultivation of raw jute is stagnant between 700,000 ha and 850,000 ha.
 - (ii) The production of raw jute has increased considerably between 1974-78 and 2003-04, and thereafter has been stagnant (fluctuating around 100 Lakh Bales) in the last decade.
 - (iii) The yield has increased considerably from 1300 Kg/ Ha (74-78) to around 2400 Kg/Ha (2009-10).
 - (iv) The total production of jute goods has shown fluctuation over the years. However, it has increased from about 11.92 Lakh MT in Year 1987-88 to a maximum of 17.76 lakh MT in 2007-08. Average production in last few years is around 16.00 lakh MT. There has been a dip below the average in year 2006-07 & 2009-10 mainly because of strike in jute mills in West Bengal.
 - (v) The domestic consumption as a percentage of total production has increased from 80% (1987-88) to nearly 91% (2009-10).
 - (vi) The export of jute goods has increased from Rs. 166 Cr. in 1978-79 to Rs. 1200 Cr in 2008-09. However, in 2006-07 and 2009-10 there has been a decline in exports, mainly due to global recession & Strike in Jute Mills.
- (c) & (d): No Madam. The major jute producing states have shown an increasing trend in jute production. Statewise cultivation/production of jute in the last 5 years is as below

[Unit: Thousand Bales]

STATES 2004-05 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10#

Assam	410.4	578.9	558.6	656.8	647.5	713.1
Bihar	1056.2	1298.6	1253.3	1251.5	1054.8	1161.1
Jharkhand	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.8
Meghalaya	20.2	35.5	35.0	34.9	34.6	-
Nagaland	6.7	10.5	5.9	6.4	1.3	-
Orissa	41.0	44.4	47.8	49.8	19.9	3.0
Tripura	10.7	11.4	4.0	3.7	3.7	-
West Bengal	7853.0	7989.2	8411.5	8216.0	7872.6	8782.5
Others	-	-	-	-	-	39.9
All India	9399.3	9969.5	10317.1	10220.1	9634.4	10700.3#

[Source: Ministry of Agriculture]

Based on 4th advance Estimates made by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. The Jute Advisory Board, has however estimated a crop of 90 lakh bales for 2009-10.

(e) & (f): For the year 2010-11, the Jute Advisory Board has estimated a production of 107 lakh bales, which indicates that there is no significant decline in jute cultivation. The step taken by Government for encouraging jute cultivation mainly include:-

- (i) Conducting Minimum Support operations for providing price security to farmers.
- (ii) Govt. has launched Jute Technology Mission, for overall development and growth of jute sector.
- (iii) Jute Corporation of India has been distributing certified seeds to farmers.
- (iv) Continuation of policy for compulsory packaging of Foodgrain & Sugar in jute.