

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering alternative jute bags-DW plain sacking bags and SW plain hessian bags for packing foodgrains;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether Indian Jute Industries Research Association (IJIRA) have also developed similar bags for packing food articles;
- (d) if so, details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to consider the bags of IJIRA; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): Government is considering development of alternative low cost jute bags for packing food-grains in place of 665 gm DW B. Twill bags presently in use. One of the alternative jute bags under consideration is DW Plain sacking.

(b): The details of the alternative bags under consideration are as follows:

- i. Plain weave (DW; single weft, woven on conventional shuttle loom), 94 cm X 57 cm, 64 ends X 28 picks / dm; 580 gm/bag (at 20% MR), mouth hemmed; two sides herakle stitched.
- ii. Twill weave (DW; single weft, woven on conventional shuttle loom), 94 cm X 57 cm, 64 ends X 28 picks / dm; 580 gm/bag (at 20% MR), mouth hemmed; two sides herakle stitched.
- iii. Plain weave (SW; double weft, woven on modern rapier loom), 94 cm X 57 cm, 46 ends X 50 picks / dm; 580 gm/bag (at 20% MR), mouth hemmed; two sides herakle stitched.
- iv. Twill weave (SW; double weft, woven on modern rapier loom), 94 cm X 57 cm, 46 ends X 50 picks / dm; 580 gm/bag (at 20% MR), mouth hemmed; two sides herakle stitched.

(c): The alternative bags presently under consideration by the Government have been developed by Indian Jute Industries' Research Association (IJIRA). IJIRA has taken up a project funded by Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India for the purpose. The project of IJIRA is scheduled to be completed by June 2012.

(d) to (f): Details of the bags given in part "b" above.

The Government would certainly consider the bags developed by IJIRA subject to their successful field trials, acceptance by consumers and standardization by BIS.