

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2715
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USE OF JUTE BAGS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has diluted the policy of compulsory using jute bags for packing of food articles;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Indian Jute Mill Association has requested the Government to come up with comprehensive policy/package for Jute Industry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of funds that have been made available during the last three years for promotion of Jute Industry?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The Government, from time to time, receives suggestions from various stakeholders, including Indian Jute Mills Association for improvement of Jute Industry. The suggestions are acted upon based on the merit of the case. Ministry is implementing a comprehensive Jute Technology Mission which has schemes for promotion and development of Jute Industry as well.

(e): The details of funds made available during the last three years to various organizations that work for Jute Industry are as under:

(Rs. in crore)				
Agency	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	
Jute Corporation of India	28.0	30.00	36.60	
Jute Technology Mission	-	37.50	58.00	
Indian Jute Industry Research Association	-	2.35	1.69	
National Jute Manufactures Corporation	712.21	240.62	114.83	
Bird Jute Export Limited	0.20	0.35	0.49	
Jute Manufactures Development Council	36.00	38.00	38.00	
Total	776.41	348.82	249.61	

