

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

- (a) whether the production of jute in the country has fallen considerably during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to boost production of jute and also to revive the jute mills/industries in the country; and
- (d) the jute production estimated by the Government in this fiscal?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. However, there has been a marginal fall in the production of jute during the last three jute years (July-June). The main reason for the fall in production was adverse weather conditions in jute growing States. The details of the Jute production during the last three years are as under:

(Qty: in lakh bales of 180 kg each)

Jute 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09

103.17 102.21 96.34

Jute year July to June, As per fourth advance estimates

(c): The Government has taken the following major steps to boost production of jute and to revive Jute Mills/Industries in the country:

(i) Implementation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme for raw jute

(ii) Implementation of Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory use in packaging commodities) Act, 1987 to protect the interest of jute farmers, workers and the jute industry.

(iii) Implementation of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS)

(iv) Implementation of Incentive Scheme for modernization of jute industry

(v) Launching of Jute Technology Mission (JTM)

(d): The production of raw jute is estimated on the basis of jute year, i.e., July-June. The production assessment of raw jute for the jute year 2009-10 (July-June) has not yet been carried out.