

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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MSP OF JUTE

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Jute on the same lines as has been done for cotton;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of jute?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The Government fixes the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of various grades of jute based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Price (CACP). Based on such recommendations, the Government has already increased the MSP for the current jute year (2009-10) by Rs. 125 over the last year, and declared an MSP of Rs. 1,375 for TD-5 grade jute this year.

(d): The Government launched the Jute Technology Mission (JTM) in major jute growing States in February 2007 for a holistic growth and development of Jute and Diversified Jute Products at an estimated cost of Rs. 355.55 crore. The Mission is to be implemented by 2012. The Mission comprises four Mini-Missions of which Mini-Missions-I and II are being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation and Mini-Missions-III & IV are being implemented by the Ministry of Textiles. In addition, Government provides price security to farmers through Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations.