

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the efforts made by the Government to increase the production of jute products in the country along with the quantum of jute products produced in the country during the last year and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the farmers and Food Corporation of India are facing acute shortage of jute bags to store wheat/food grains which are lying open in many States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the efforts made by the Government for easy availability of jute bags at reasonable prices;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to import jute bags to meet the shortage;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with steps taken by the Government to remove the shortage of jute in the country; and
- (f) the export of jute products during the last three years along with steps taken by the Government to promote export of jute products?

**Answer**

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

(a): Government has taken various steps from time to time to increase the production of jute products in the country. Some of the important steps taken are as under:

(i) Jute Technology Mission (JTM) with an outlay of Rs.355.55 crore is being implemented. Various schemes under Mini Mission-IV of Jute Technology Mission (JTM) like machinery development, design and development of Jute Diversified products, promotion of jute diversification and setting up Jute Parks for the Diversified sector are aimed towards promotion of jute products.

(ii) In order to encourage jute production, Government has continued the policy for compulsory packaging of foodgrains & Sugar in jute.

(iii) Creating awareness regarding various schemes being implemented for promotion of jute and jute products.

State-wise quantum of jute products produced in the country during the last year and the current year is as under:

(Quantity in '000' MT)

Year	West Bengal	Andhra Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh	Bihar Pradesh	Orissa	Assam	Tripura	Total
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2011-12	1422.8	118.9	7.5	6.7	5.9	13.3	2.4	1577.5
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2012-13 (Apr. -Jun.)	342.3	30.3	1.8	1.2	3.3	0.6		379.5
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(b): There is no shortage of jute bags for Food Corporation of India to pack wheat/foodgrains in the country. All quantities of jute bags indented/ordered by Food Corporation of India during Rabi Marketing Season 2012-13 for packing wheat/foodgrains has already been supplied to Food Corporation of India.

(c): Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d): No Madam.

(e): Does not arise in view of (d) above.

(f): The details of export of jute products during the last three years in the country is as under:  
Year Export

Quantity (In '000 M.Tons) Value (Rs. in crore)

2009-10 110.5 859.49

2010-11 199.3 1854.14

2011-12 201.1 1502.13

Government has taken various steps from time to time to promote the export of jute products. Some of the important steps taken are as under:

(i) Various schemes under Mini Mission-IV of Jute Technology Mission like machinery development, design and development of Jute Diversified products, promotion of jute diversification and setting up Jute Parks for the Diversified sector are aimed towards promotion and exports of jute product.

(ii) Participation in the export promotion fairs for promotion of jute diversified products. Besides, marketing assistance extended to the exporters for participating in different promotional events of the National Jute Board under Fast Track Export Market Development Scheme.

(iii) National Jute Board has organised Capacity Development & Marketing Training Programme for Jute Entrepreneurs.