

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF JUTE
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been increase in import of jute during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the quantity and value of jute produced in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) the present status of implementation of Jute Park sanctioned for Assam;
- (e) whether the Government is considering to set up more jute parks in Assam; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The details of import of jute and jute products during the last three years are given below:

	Qty.	: M.Ton	/ Value	: Rs./Lakhs					
Period :	2008 - 2009		2007 - 2008		2006 - 2007				
	Qty. Value	Qty. Value	Qty. Value						
Raw Jute	59,042	8,900.31	1,71,800	19,672.39	94,363	15,031.15			
Jute Products	70,935	20,299.48	57,688	13,809.41	60,932	17,162.87			

Import of Raw Jute during 2008-09 has shown declining trend by 66% in quantity and by 55% in value terms. Import of jute products registered an increasing trend by 23% in quantity and by 47% in value terms as compared to 2007-08. As per EXIM Policy, import of raw jute and jute products into India has been treated as free items without duty. Bangladesh has higher availability of superior grades of jute, some of which Indian enterprises are importing for batch-fixing and to help production of better quality yarn and fabrics for value added products. Import of jute products is resorted to supplement domestic demand.

(c): State-wise production of jute during the last 3 Years is given below:

	Period: July-June	/ Area:	`000Hectares	/ Qty:	`000 Bales				
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09 (Estimated)						
State	Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production			
West Bengal	595	8411	610	8216	584	7900			
Bihar	127	1253	131	1251	147	1402			
Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Assam	58	559	60	657	61	674			
Orissa	5	48	6	50	11	104			
Uttar Pradesh	-	-	-	-	(0.1)	1			
Tripura	1	4	(0.5)	4	1	8			
Meghalaya	4	35	4	35	6	50			
Nagaland	2	6	3	6	2	21			
Others	-	-							
Total	792	10316	814	10219	812	10160			

The value of jute produced in the country is not available.

(d) to (f): The Government of India has Launched "Jute Technology Mission (JTM)" with effect from 2007-08, spanning a period of 5 years (11th Five Year Plan Period), for overall development of the Jute Industry in the country and promotion of jute and jute products at home and abroad.

JTM provides for "Setting up of Jute Parks for the Diversified Sector". As regards setting up of Jute Parks in NE Region, Expression of interest (EOI) and Detailed Project Report (DPR) were invited through insertions in newspapers allowing extension of time for submission of EOI supported by DPR till 31st October, 2009. A few EOIs were received against the newspaper insertions, when they were asked to submit DPRs of their proposals. Since no DPR has been received till date, no proposal could be considered.

Under the scheme, 4 Jute Parks are to be set up in N.E. States and other Tribal Areas to encourage setting up of such Parks, the minimum land requirement for establishing Jute Parks in N.E. States and other Tribal Areas was reduced to 10 acres land.

A fresh notice inviting EOI, supported by DPR, has been released in (i) Assam Tribune, (ii) Sentinel and (iii) Asomiya Pratidin on 16th November, 2009. No EOI has yet been received.