

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of jute production in the country, State-wise along with the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of jute/jute products;
- (b) the mechanism proposed by the Government to ensure that jute farmers get the maximum prices of their produce along with jute procured by the Government during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up jute mills in the country including Assam in view of the bumper production; and
- (d) if so, the details there of and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): State-wise production of raw jute in the country during the last three years are given below:-

(In thousand bales of 180 k.g per bale)

State	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Assam	625.4	607.9	602.0
Bihar	1164.6	1490.7	1626.7
Odisha	36.3	32.1	17.3
West Bengal	8137.5	8558.6	8265.0
Others	45.6	46.3	47.5
All India	10009.4	10735.6	10558.5

Source: Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Directorate of Economics & Statistics. () Second Advance Estimates for 2012-13

Government of India is implementing various schemes to increase the production of jute in the country. Some of the important schemes are as under:

i) The Jute Technology Mission (JTM) had been launched as a major initiative for overall development of the jute industry and growth of the jute sector with a total outlay of Rs.355.55 crores. Under the JTM, several schemes were operational under the Mini Mission I, II, III & IV for the overall growth of jute sector. Mini Mission-I aimed towards strengthening agriculture research and development in jute sector for improving the yield and quality. Mini Mission-II targeted transfer of improved technology and agronomic practices in production and post harvesting phase. Under Mini-Mission-III, market linkage of raw jute was provided in all jute growing states. Mini Mission-IV provided for the modernization of jute industry, upgradation of skills, market promotion and exports which helps to increase demand of raw jute.

ii) Minimum Support Price (MSP) for raw jute and mesta is fixed every year to encourage farmers to grow more jute.

iii) In order to encourage jute production, Government provides for compulsory packaging of certain percentage of foodgrains & Sugar in jute under Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory use in packaging commodities), 1987.

iv) National Jute Board and Jute Corporation of India are working on projects with National Institute of Research on Jute & Allied Fibre Technology (NIRJAFT) and Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres (CRIJAF) to develop better jute seeds and to improve agronomical practices for jute cultivation.

v) Jute Corporation of India and National Jute Board work together to distribute high-yielding certified seeds to farmers at subsidized rates for increasing productivity.

(b): In order to protect the interest of the jute growers and to ensure that the raw jute producers receive Minimum Support Price (MSP), the Jute Corporation of India (JCI), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Textiles has been mandated to undertake support price operations for raw jute from farmers at MSP through its 171 Departmental Purchase Centres and State cooperative bodies. Due to the mechanism in place of procurement of raw jute by JCI, the prices are not allowed to fall below MSP so as to avoid hardship to the farmers.

The raw jute procurement during current jute year 2013-14 has not been started yet. However, state-wise raw jute procured by the Government during the jute year 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 is given below:-

(In thousand bales of 180 k.g per bale)

State	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
West Bengal	21.1	108.4	270.5
Bihar	2.3	27.9	40.3
Assam	10.7	18.2	43.7
Odisha	0	1.2	3.0
Andhra Pradesh	0	0	5.9
Tripura	0	0.5	0.4
Total	34.1	156.2	363.8

Source: Jute Corporation of India Limited, Kolkata

(c): No Madam, there is no such proposal at present.

(d): Does not arise.