

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF JUTE

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any complaints from the jute farmers/organisations regarding procurement of jute in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of persons/agencies found guilty and the follow up action taken against them during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note of distress sale of jute and jute products in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to alleviate the hardships of jute farmers across the country;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to restructure Jute Corporation of India to enhance its efficiency and capacity to handle huge quantity of jute to be procured in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this direction?

**Answer**

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

- (a): No, specific complaint from the jute farmers/ organizations is received regarding procurement of jute in the country.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) & (d): Government declares Minimum Support Price (MSP) for raw jute every year. To conduct MSP operations, Government has set up Jute Corporation of India (JCI) to help the jute growers by procuring raw jute at MSP declared by the Government in order to prevent distress sale and to alleviate the hardships of jute farmers. JCI has 171 Departmental Purchase Centres (DPCs) in the country. DPCs purchase all the raw jute brought to them by farmers.
- (e): Yes Madam.
- (f): In order to increase efficiency of Jute Corporation of India (JCI), a study has been conducted to prepare a strategic plan on HRD & business with the aim to review, restructure and revamp the existing organization's structure.