

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF JUTE AND MESTA FARMING
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes for ensuring the development of jute and mesta farming in the country and the funds allocated for the same during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is investing on development of new technology for procedures such as retting;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the progress in providing better technology for jute and mesta production in the States, especially Odisha?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): For increasing production, productivity and quality of raw jute (jute, mesta and allied fibre), Government has taken a number of measures under Mini Mission-II of Jute Technology Mission (JTM). The JTM has now been subsumed under centrally sponsored scheme of National Food Security Mission-Commercial Crops Programme implemented by the Government. State-wise funds allocated for the same during each of the last three years and the current year is at Annexure.

In addition, the Jute Corporation of India Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under Government of India has also undertaken Pilot Project for development of jute and mesta farming in the country and the expenditure incurred during the last three years and the current year is as follows:-

Year	State	Area (hectares)	Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)
2011-12	Bihar	467	31.57
2012-13	Bihar, West Bengal	407	30.06
2013-14	Bihar, West Bengal, Assam	1143	47.14
2014-15	West Bengal, Assam	252	26.80

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. National Jute Board (NJB), as an apex body of the Ministry of Textiles, has undertaken a series of activities which mainly include among others, the followings:-

Pilot Project for Improvement of Quality & Productivity of Jute Fibre through Jute Corporation of India Limited.

Project on Feasibility of Mechanical Ribbon Retting using Decorticator Machine through Jute Corporation of India Limited.

Feasibility Study on Enzyme Based Retting Technology of Jute through Indian Jute Industries Research Association (IJIRA), Jute Corporation of India Limited and M/s. Novozymes of Denmark.

Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres(CRIJAF) has developed two new retting technologies, namely, mechano-microbial retting and in-situ retting with microbial consortium and National Institute of Research on Jute and Allied Fibre Technology (NIRJAFT) has developed two technologies, namely, chemical retting and dry retting.

(d): The implementation of the cited schemes has resulted in marginal increase in productivity all over the jute producing states of the country including Odisha.