

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1698
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MANDATORY PACKAGING OF SUGAR AND FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved a proposal of mandatory packaging of sugar and food grains in jute material to boost the jute sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a proposal for financial support to Jute Corporation of India (JCI) was approved; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Textiles has issued a Notification bearing No. S.O. 527(E) dated 13.02.2015 stipulating that minimum of 90% of foodgrain and minimum of 20% of sugar be compulsorily packed in jute packaging materials for the Jute year 2014-15, valid upto 30.06.2015.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Government has approved annual grants of Rs.55.00 crores for 2014-15, Rs. 52.11 crores for 2015-16, Rs.49.38 crores for 2016-17 and Rs.46.78 crores for 2017-18 to Jute Corporation of India (JCI) for maintaining its infrastructure for Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation.