

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the total number of composite jute mills along with the details of installed looms therein;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of installed looms in jute mills;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct any study to assess the benefits of installing looms to jute producers and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): There are 92 composite jute mills. The details of looms installed in jute mills are as follows:-

Hessian looms	: 18637
Shuttle looms (Sacking)	: 28592
Shuttleless looms (Sacking)	: 1951
Carpet Backing Cloth looms	: 905
Others	: 3223
Total	: 53308

(b) & (c): Under the Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Plants and Machinery, introduced w.e.f. 01.10.2013, subsidy to the extent of 20% of the cost of modern looms, spinning frames and other identified modern equipment is provided by the National Jute Board as an incentive to jute mills.

(d): Indian Jute Industries Research Association (IJIRA) had conducted a study in 2014 regarding productivity of shuttleless looms. The study report indicates that average productivity of shuttleless looms is approximately 50% higher than that of traditional looms. Shuttleless looms save on manpower requirement. Overall the price of bags manufactured by shuttleless looms is lower than the bags manufactured on traditional looms.