

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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Promotion of Jute Cultivation
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to promote jute cultivation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to extend the financial assistance and provide technology to the States particularly to Uttar Pradesh for the development of jute gunny bags manufacturing units (small scale industries); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Assistance for Jute cultivation is being extended by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation through the Jute Development Programme under the centrally sponsored scheme of National Food Security Mission – Commercial Crops (NFSM-CC) w.e.f. 2014-15 in 12 States. In addition, Jute-ICARE (Jute: Improved Cultivation and Advanced Retting Exercise) has been launched by the Government in three blocks of West Bengal, and one more in Assam with a view to improving the income of farmers through improvement in yield and the quality of the fibres. The Jute Corporation of India (JCI), Central Research Institute for jute and Allied Fibres (CRIJAF), an R&D organization under the Ministry of Agriculture and National Jute Board (NJB) are jointly implementing the project on a pilot basis, which includes supply of certified hybrid jute seeds, training of farmers in better agronomic practices, distribution of seed drills, nail weeding machines etc.

(c) & (d): Under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) is implementing Credit-linked subsidy programme which is aimed at generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector, including the field of Agro Based and Food Processing Industry (ABFPI). Further, the jute industry, particularly the jute mills are provided support by the Government under the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory use of Packing Commodities) Act, 1987. The jute mills are also given financial incentive for acquisition of modern plant and machinery by the National Jute Board which covers upto 20% of the cost of the machinery subject to a cap of Rs.2.50 crores in four years.
