

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Decline in Sowing of Jute

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether sowing of Jute has recorded decline during the Kharif seasons in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): As per information furnished by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, the estimated area under jute cultivation has come down to 7.45 lakh hectares in 2014-15 as compared to 7.56 lakh hectares in 2013-14, possibly because of fluctuation in rainfall, returns offered by competitive crops and requirement of labour. The corrective measures taken by the Government are as follows:-

(i) Jute Development Programme under National Food Security Mission – Commercial Crops (NFSM-CC) is implemented through State Departments of Agriculture and other central agencies for enhancing the production and productivity of jute.

(ii) Government is funding upto Rs.55 crores per annum for maintenance of the infrastructure of Jute Corporation of India for conducting Minimum Support Price Operations to support the jute farmers.

(iii) The Jute Corporation of India Limited (JCI) has undertaken Pilot Projects for implementing improved agronomic practices in three blocks of West Bengal and one block of Assam under financial support from the National Jute Board.
