

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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MEMORANDUM FROM ALL INDIA KISAN SABHA
Khan Shri Md. Badariddoza

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any memorandum from All India Kisan Sabha regarding the problems being faced by the jute producers and Jute Industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for bringing Jute Industry out of the crisis?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Through its Memorandum, All India Kisan Sabha requested to protect the lives and livelihood of millions of jute farmers and jute mill workers and demanded that:

- i) Mandatory 100 percent usage of jute bags for transport and packaging of foodgrains and sugar. Ban use of Synthetic Bags with strong deterrent action against violators.
- ii) Place immediate orders for supply of jute bags as per the actual requirement.
- iii) Jute Corporation of India should be instructed to open adequate purchasing centres and assure procurement at a MSP of Cost of Production plus 50 percent (C2+50%).

(c): Government of India is taking various steps for bringing Jute Industry out of the crisis. Some of these steps are as under:

i) To safeguard the interest of the jute industry from synthetic polymer, Government provides for compulsory packaging of certain percentage of foodgrains & Sugar in jute under Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory use in packaging commodities) Act, 1987.

ii) Government has launched Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for the modernisation/ technology upgradation of textile industry including jute. The Jute Technology Mission

(JTM) launched by the Government had a major component for modernisation/technological upgradation of jute mills.

ii) Minimum Support Price (MSP) for raw jute and mesta is fixed every year to encourage farmers to grow more jute.