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Title: Need to give adequate representation to the State of West Bengal in the recently re-constituted Jute Advisory Board and Jute Development Council.

SHRI SWADESH CHAKRABORTTY (HOWRAH): Government of India has recently reconstituted Jute Advisory Board and Jute Development Council. Out of 28 members in Jute Advisory Board, the majority of members belong to non-jute growing and product manufacturing States which have no presence in jute map in India. We strongly apprehend that the interest of synthetic group is being served through constitution of such Advisory Board, which does not have even Secretary level representation from State Government of West Bengal, the biggest jute growing and product manufacturing State in India. Similarly in 32 members of reconstituted Jute Development Council no genuine representative from jute growers have been nominated from West Bengal. In the workers representative category, there is no representative from jute workers of the State, where major jute product manufacturing industries exist.

This is nothing but a move to doom environment friendly jute industry in the country. I, therefore, strongly oppose such attitude of the Government against the biggest jute growing and product manufacturing State of West Bengal and urge upon the Government to immediately reconstitute these Committees through inclusion of genuine representatives from jute growers and workers.