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Title: Need to enhance the Minimum Support Price of Jute to Rs. 3000 per quintal and introduce new technology in the jute industry.

SHRI NRIPENDRA NATH ROY (COOCH BEHAR): The Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the year 2009-2010 for Jute crop is Rs. 1400/- per quintal. But in ground reality the farmers of Cooch Behar & neighboring districts have spent at least Rs. 1875/- per quintal for farming. Due to which the farmers are under heavy debt. Further, no modern technology has been introduced in this industry for the last 50 years. The jute crop is the main cash crop of West Bengal. I, therefore, request Hon'ble Minister to fix the MSP for jute for the year 2010-2011 at Rs. 3000/- per quintal so that the farmers of West Bengal, Assam, Tripura & Bihar can earn something from jute farming. I also request the Hon'ble Minister to introduce new technology in this industry at the earliest.

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