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Title: Need to set up a Procurement Centre of Jute Council of India in Arambagh Parliamentary Constituency and also enhance the Minimum support Price of Jute.

SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR (ARAMBAG): Arambagh Lok Sabha constituency of West Bengal is the Agri-Economic populated area and around 10-12% of Agricultural labourers are jute farmers. The packaging of food materials like sugar, wheat, rice and the food security depends on the production of jute.

Arambagh being a major jute production area, there is an urgent need to set up a marketing/procuring centre of Jute Corporation of India (JCI) as the growers need to travel/carry Jute a long distance to sell it to JCI centre.

I also like to inform the Government that as we have no procuring/marketing centre of JCI in my constituency, there is a need to set up a JCI centre.

Jute Corporation of India is the only agency to purchase jute directly from the farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP). Considering and comparing the present market economy, I urge upon the Government to review to increase the MSP for Jute without any delay.