

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3182
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.07.2019

JUTE MILLS IN ASSAM

3182. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) The present condition of the jute mill at Gnagacha in the district of Barpeta in Assam State;
- (b) The number of jute mills in Assam and in the country;
- (c) The steps taken by the Government for the benefit of the jute growers; and
- (d) Whether the production of jute products is declining in the State of Assam for lack of proper market, if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): There are two composite jute mills in Assam enlisted with Office of Jute Commissioner viz. Assam Cooperative Jute Mills Ltd., Silghat and Atlanta Modular Pvt. Limited, West Boragoan. A total of 98 composite jute mills are enlisted from all over the country.

(c): The Government has increased mandatory reservation of foodgrains procured by State Procurement Agencies to 100%, thereby ensuring consistent demand of jute in the market and has also fixed a Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs. 3950 for the year 2019-20 and has instructed Jute Corporation of India (JCI) to procure jute from the farmers in case the market price goes below the MSP. Also, Jute I-CARE (Improved Cultivation and Advance Retting Exercise) scheme is being implemented by National Jute Board (NJB) with an objective to introduce scientific technique of cultivation and retting exercises by distributing certified seeds, nail weeders, seed drillers for improving fibre quality and productivity and thereby reducing cost of production. Around 1.93 lakhs farmers in 69 blocks have been covered under the scheme in the year 2018-19 and around 900 Metric Tonne certified seeds have been distributed.

(d): There is no report of decline in the demand of jute products in Assam for lack of proper market as the procurement of especially the sacking bags has increased over the years and the two enlisted jute mills in Assam viz. Assam Co-operative and Atlanta Modular have been continuously allocated Govt. Orders for supply of jute sacks to State Procurement Agencies (SPA) under Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodity) Act, 1987.
