

**Regional Office of JDMC**

1291. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJES-  
WARI:  
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jute Development Manufacturers Council (J.D.M.C.) have a proposal to open regional offices in all the metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the number of regional offices opened by the Jute Council so far with details thereof; and

(c) to what extent, opening of such office will improve its performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to open regional offices in some cities in a phased manner.

(b) No office has so far been opened.

(c) It is proposed to assign to these offices the following tasks:

- i) Export Registration on behalf of the office of Jute Commissioner, their respective regions.
- ii) Disbursement of assistance under Internal Market Assistance and External Market Assistance Schemes.
- iii) Market Development activities for diversified jute products.

**External Trade Policy for Jute**

1292. SHRI ABDUL HAMID: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any external trade policy on Jute products; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Export of jute goods is guided by the following main guidelines:—

- i) Export of Jute Carpet backing cloth to North America is canalised through State Trading Corporation and is subject to price control restrictions.
- ii) Exports to Rupee-trading countries viz. USSR, Romania, Poland, East Germany and Czechoslovakia are guided by the annual Trade Plan Provisions.
- iii) Exports of Jute goods other than those mentioned in (i) and (ii) above are allowed on decontrolled basis to all destinations except to prohibited countries.
- iv) In the case of participation in global tenders for Hessian and Sacking STC has been designated as the nodal agency.
- v) The registering authority for exporters of jute goods is the office of the Jute Commissioner.

**Agro Forestry in States**

1293. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL:  
SHRI SRIBALLAV PANI-  
GRAHI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been made