

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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JUTE CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jute cultivation in the jute growing zone of India have shown a decline due to unstable prices and lack of initiative on the part of jute mills; and

(b) if so, the details of the measures initiated by the Government to encourage the jute growers during the Tenth Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir. The area under jute cultivation during the past three years is as follow:-

Year	Area (Lakh hectare)
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1999-2000	8.47
2000-2001	8.28
2001-2002	8.73

(b): Question does not arise. However, in order to increase the productivity and quality of jute in the country, a centrally sponsored scheme of Special Jute Development Programme was implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture till October 2000. Since October 2000, this scheme along with other 26 schemes of the Ministry has been subsumed under Macro Management mode of Agriculture to give flexibility to the States for extension and developmental activities as per their requirements/priorities.