

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL JUTE DEVELOPMENT FUND
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria fixed for extending interest free loan to entrepreneurs from Special Jute Development Fund;
- (b) the number of entrepreneurs benefited, state-wise during the last one year; and
- (c) the steps taken by the government to strengthen the jute industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) There is no scheme under the Special Jute Development Fund. (SJDF) in operation since April 2002, offering interest free loans to entrepreneurs.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The Government is implementing several schemes through the Jute Manufactures Development Council (JMDC) and the National Centre for Jute Diversification (NCJD) to strengthen the jute industry :-

The Schemes operated by JMDC are :-

1. The JMDC Incentive Scheme for Modernisation of Jute Industry
2. The External Market Assistance Scheme
3. The Market Development Scheme

The Schemes operated by NCJD are :-

1. The Jute Service Centre Scheme
2. The Jute Raw Material Bank Scheme
3. The Market Support Scheme
4. The Design Development Scheme
5. The Jute Entrepreneurs (Capital Subsidy) Assistance Scheme (JEAS)
6. The Micro Finance / NGO Assistance Scheme.

The Government has also announced the National Jute Policy' 2005 which aims at, inter alia, acceleration of modernisation and strengthening of the Jute Industry.