

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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JUTE PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to improve the productivity of jute and jute products at every stage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the Government plan to make jute and jute products more competitive in comparison to other products available?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Government has been taking a series of steps to improve the productivity of jute and jute products. The National Jute Policy, 2005 lays special thrust on enhancement of productivity/yield of raw jute and also to modernize the jute industry to improve efficiency in production and processing. In fact, due to these measures, there has been an improvement in the agronomical practices, retting, and fiber upgradation of jute fiber. Under the proposed Jute Technology Mission, steps are to be taken, inter alia, to assist the jute sector to attain higher productivity.

(c) The Government has taken following measures to make jute and jute products more competitive in comparison to other available products:-

(i) Implementation of new technology in the field of machinery under Jute Machinery Fund Scheme and Country Cooperation Framework (CCF-1) of United Nation Development Programme (UNDP).

(ii) Providing interest subsidy to Jute Mills under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS).

(iii) Allowing Capital Subsidy Scheme on Plant and Machinery under Jute Manufactures and Development Council's Incentive Scheme for Modernisation of Jute Industry (ISMJI).

(iv) Allowing Capital Subsidy on Plants and Machineries and Projects as per Jute Entrepreneurs Assistance Scheme (JEAS) of National Centre for Jute Diversification.