

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3892
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EXTERNAL MARKET ASSISTANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Minimum Support Price of raw jute /mesta announced during each of the last three years and current year;
- (b) the details of the modifications so far made in External Market Assistance (EMA) Scheme by Jute Manufactures Development Council;
- (c) whether the government has undertaken any study to evaluate the contribution of EMA Scheme in export of jute products;
- (d) if so, whether the government proposes to restructure the External Market Assistance (EMA) Scheme for export of diversified jute products of the country ; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) The details of the Minimum Support Price of raw jute/mesta announced during each of the last three years and current year is as given below :-

Year Rs per Quintal

2003-04 Rs,860=00
2004-05 Rs.890=00
2005-06 Rs.910=00
2006-07 Rs.1000=00

(b) Jute Manufactures Development Council, with the approval of the Government has made the following amendments in EMA Scheme since its last extension in 2004:

- i) For the year 2004-05 the cap for EMA claims was raised to .Rs.2.50 Cores per unit per year.
- ii) For the year 2005-06 the cap for EMA claims was raised to Rs.1.50 crores per unit per year.
- iii) W.e.f 01.04.2005 Jute Manufactures Development Council has been given the powers to relax the condition "proven record of exporting jute products to the tune of at least Rs. 10.00 Lakhs per annum during the last three years" to genuine small exporters on the basis of certificate to be provided by the Council.
- iv) Effective from 01.04.2005 EMA is also available on Jute Geo-textiles, Hessian and sacking Made ups in addition to the DEPB benefits available on these items. With effect from 1st April 2005, EMA is available only to jute Geo-textiles, Food Grade jute Bags and Diversified Jute Products at uniform rate of 5% . While additional benefit of 5% for exports to American and Latin American countries was permitted, the same has been withdrawn w.e.f 1st April 2005.

(c) M/s. Pricewaterhouse Coopers was assigned a study to evaluate the contribution of External Market Assistance (EMA) Scheme for export of Jute Products in 1999.

(d) No, Sir as this scheme expires on 31st March 2007.

(e) Does not arise.