

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STARRED QUESTION NO:247

ANSWERED ON:17.12.2004

REVIVAL OF JUTE MILLS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has declared a new policy-based scheme for the technology mission of jute industry ;
- (b) if so, the amount likely to be spent on jute industry under this scheme;
- (c) the states in which jute industries are functioning or have been closed down;
- (d) whether the private sector jute industry will also get monetary assistance under this scheme;
- (e) whether the Planning Commission has also sanctioned funds for this scheme;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether jute industry is proposed to be revived with the help of private sector; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (h) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO STARRED Q.NO. 247 FOR ANSWER ON 17.12.2004 REGARDING REVIVAL OF JUTE MILLS.

(a) : Although the Government of India has not sanctioned any new scheme for the jute industry, there are several schemes like the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), the Jute Manufactures Development Council Incentive Scheme for Modernisation of the Jute Industry, the Jute Entrepreneurs' Assistance Scheme (JEAS), and the External Market Assistance (EMA) Scheme, aimed at modernization and market development in the jute sector, are part of the 10th Five Year Plan.

(b) : In view of (a), does not arise.

(c): The jute mills in the country are located and functioning in states of West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Tripura, Chattisgarh and Orissa. Some of the jute mills are lying closed for varying periods, and these are located in states of West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Andhra Pradesh.

(d), (e) & (f): Does not arise.

(g) & (h) : The Government is committed to giving a fresh impetus in all respects to the jute industry given its special ecological importance, world wide and within the country.