

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2080**  
ANSWERED ON- 23/12/2022

**WEST BENGAL'S JUTE INDUSTRY**

2080. SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that West Bengal's jute industry is reeling under a crisis, if so, details thereof;
- (b) the budget allocated and utilized by the Ministry for the jute industry of West Bengal in the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether there is underutilization of funds for West Bengal's textile industry, especially the jute industry, if so, reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken by Government to revive the jute industry in West Bengal in the last five years?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

**(a):** JPM Act 1987 has been enacted to provide for the compulsory use of jute packaging material in the supply and distribution of certain commodities in the interest of production of raw jute and jute packaging material. The Central Government has kept the reservation of 100% for food grains and 20% for sugar for packaging in jute material.

Jute Commissioner issues Production Control-cum-Supply Order to jute mills of all states including West Bengal for supplying of sacking bags for packaging of food grains. From November 2016, a total quantity of around 178.59 Lakhs bales jute bags worth of Rs 55.70 thousand crores have been indented to jute mills. Out of the total production of jute mills, 70% is procured by the Central Government. The trend of production of jute goods during the last five years is as under:

<b>QTY in '000 MT</b>		
<b>Period(April-March)</b>	<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
2017-2018	1104.8	1178.2
2018-19	1088.4	1161.2
2019- 20	1110.2	1165.7
2020-21	920.8	960.3
2021-22	1034.5	1071.8
2022-23 (upto Oct'22)	685.8	682.6

Source: Jute Mills

More than 70% jute mills are situated in West Bengal and the contribution of these mills in production is more than 90%.

**(b) to (d):** National Jute Board implements schemes for overall development of jute sector. The provision of budget is made under these schemes on PAN India basis including West Bengal.

National Jute Board has implemented following schemes for the development of jute Industry in West Bengal from 2014-15 to 2020-21:

- Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Plant and Machinery (ISAPM): 152 Jute Mills were incentivized through financial outgo of Rs 4955.81 Lakhs.
- Jute Integrated Development Scheme (JIDS) : 12 collaborating agencies engaged which imparted training to 320 local jute artisans/ WSHGs members for production of jute diversified products.
- Jute Raw Material Bank (JRMB): An assistance of Rs. 159.93 lakh for supplying jute raw materials to MSME-JDP units.
- Export Market Development Assistance Scheme (EMDA): 99 Registered Jute Exporters were provided assistance of Rs 823.64 lakh for participation in International fairs for boosting exports of jute goods.
- Workers' Welfare Scheme Sanitation Facilities: Assistance of Rs. 579.56 lakh provided for construction of 450 toilet blocks in the mills.
- Scholarship Scheme for the girl children of the workers of jute mills, MSMEs: 17543 girl children were disbursed scholarship @ Rs 5000 and Rs 10000 on passing out secondary and higher secondary examinations respectively with the financial outgo of Rs 1268.65 lakh.

Further, the Central Government has approved for implementation of following schemes under National Jute Development Program (NJDP) for the up-liftment of jute sector industry throughout the Country including West Bengal during the 2021-22 to 2025-26:

- Jute Resource-cum- Production Centre
- Jute Raw Material Bank
- Jute Retail Outlets
- Jute Design Resource Centre
- Production Linked Incentive
- Market Development & Promotion Scheme
- Capital Subsidy for Acquisition of Plant and Machinery

These steps have protected the interests of Indian Jute Industry and the persons engaged in the industry.

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