

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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INCREASE IN USAGE CHARGES ON JUTE BAGS

2397. SHRI SHAMBHU SHARAN PATEL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the factors responsible for the increase in the usage charges on jute bags from the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2025–26;
- (b) the manner in which the Committee constituted for the review of these charges assessed cost fluctuations and procedural requirements;
- (c) the likely impact of the revised charges on State-level procurement operations; and
- (d) whether the revised rates have been fixed in accordance with the changes in the cost of new jute bags, observed in recent procurement seasons, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) to (d): As per the guidelines of usage charges for procurement of paddy, the Committee constituted for review of usage charges, took into consideration the suggestions/ recommendations of State Governments, and deliberated on the methodologies for fixing usage charges for gunny bags by taking into consideration the rate of new jute bags, average rate of multiple used gunny bags, average realizable value of unserviceable gunny bags.

The arrangement of bags for the packaging of procured paddy is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments and agencies. Following the revision in the usage charge rate, procuring used bags through GeM/ open tender has become easier.

On 26.08.2025, the Department of Food and Public Distribution issued revised usage charges for used gunny bags, reflecting the increase in the cost of new gunny bags. The usage charges have been fixed at Rs.10.22 per used bag or the actual cost incurred by the State Governments, whichever is lower.
