

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3332
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.07.2019

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is working towards promoting the use of indigenous raw material, Jute for the production of sanitary napkins instead of imported wood pulp, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government believes that the use of Jute instead of imported wood pulp would aid farmers and produce jobs for women, thus helping to boost the Indian economy, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether most sanitary napkins available in the market are derived out of wood pulp which is imported from the China or the United States, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Ministry of Textiles earlier sponsored a project of the Indian Jute Industries' Research Association (IJIRA) to develop jute-based, low-cost sanitary napkins, if so, the facts thereof;
- (e) whether the Central Government envisaged a pilot project for jute sanitary napkins, if so, the facts thereof; and
- (f) whether the project will assist jute farmers in getting remunerative price and will enhance women employment generation and if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)
MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (f): Government of India through National Jute board (NJB) has given two projects to IIT Kharagpur and IJIRA towards the use of jute as raw material for the production of sanitary napkin as substitution of imported wood pulp. Sanitary napkins are classified as medical product and the companies manufacturing it are required to adhere to the standard IS 5405 (1980). The details of imports of wood pulp from China and USA is at Annexure-A. Increased use of jute pulp in sanitary napkins will increase income of jute farmers and woman engaged in jute sector by increasing their employability which will ultimately boost the Indian economy.

IMPORTS of WOOD PULP FROM CHINA (IN US\$ MILLION)

S. No.	HS Code	Commodity	2016-17	2017-18	%age Growth in 2017-18	2018-19	%age Growth in 2017-18
1	47010000	MECHANICAL WOOD PULP	0	0.01	0.00	0	-100.00
2	47031100	CHEMICAL WOOD PULP UNBLCD CONFRS,SULPHATE	0	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
3	47031900	CHEMICAL WOOD PULP UNBLCD N-CONIFRS,SULPHATE	15.78	14.43	-8.56	17	17.81
4	47032100	BLEACHED OR SEMI-BLEACHED CONIFEROUS CHEMICAL WOOD PULP SULPHATE	2.24	2.49	11.16	2.5	0.40
5	47032900	BLEACHED OR SEMI-BLEACHED NON-CONIFEROUS CHEMICAL WOOD PULP SULPHATE	0		0.00	0	0.00
6	47050000	WOOD PULP OBTAINED BY COMBINATION OF MECHANICAL AND CHEMICAL PULP PROCESS	0		0.00	0	0.00
7	48237020	WOOD PULP BOARD	0.01	0	-100.00		0.00
		WOOD PULP	18.03	16.94	-6.05	19.51	15.17

IMPORTS OF WOOD PULP FROM USA (IN US\$ MILLION)

S. No.	HS Code	Commodity	2016-17	2017-18	%age Growth in 2017-18	2018-19	%age Growth in 2017-18
1	47010000	MECHANICAL WOOD PULP	0.56	0.55	-1.79	0.58	5.45
2	47020000	CHEMICAL WOOD PULP DISSOLVING GRADES	67.64	76.4	12.95	61.55	-19.44
3	47031100	CHEMICAL WOOD PULP UNBLCD CONFRS,SULPHATE	0.05	0.92	1740.00	5.19	464.13
4	47031900	CHEMICAL WOOD PULP UNBLCD N-CONIFRS,SLPHTE	0.83	0.74	-10.84	0.42	-43.24
5	47032100	BLEACHED OR SEMI-BLEACHED CONIFEROUS CHEMICAL WOOD PULP SULPHATE	88	85.9	-2.39	106.95	24.51
6	47032900	BLEACHED OR SEMI-BLEACHED NON-CONIFEROUS CHEMICAL WOOD PULP SULPHATE	10.99	14.33	30.39	30.89	115.56
7	47042900	SEMI-BLEACHED/BLEACHED NON-CONIFEROUS CHMICAL WOOD PULP SULPHITE	0.03	0.01	-66.67	0	-100.00
8	47050000	WOOD PULP OBTAINED BY COMBINATION OF MECHANICAL AND CHEMICAL PULP PROCESS	2.76	4.12	49.28	6.59	59.95
9	48237020	WOOD PULP BOARD	0		0.00	0	0.00
		WOOD PULP	170.86	182.97	7.09	212.17	15.96

Source: DGCI&S