

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *315
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023

JUTE PRODUCTION

*315. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

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

- (a) whether Dhubri district is one of the few districts in Assam which produce the largest quantity of jute;
- (b) if so, the details of quantum of jute produced in Assam during the last five years including the current year, district-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether due to non-availability of jute industry, the farmers do not get real price of the jute hence they are abandoning the cultivation of the jute;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with steps taken/to be taken by the Government for jute industry; and
- (e) the details of schemes being implemented for promotion of jute farming in the country including in Assam?

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ANSWER
वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)
MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (e):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *315 asked by Shri M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL to be answered on 22.03.2023 regarding Jute Production

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The details of quantum of jute produced in Assam during the last five years including the current year, district-wise and year-wise are at **Annexure-I**.

(c) & (d): The production of jute at national level has increased by 31.90% and in Assam, it has increased by 68.8% during the last five years respectively. National Jute Board through its schemes supports the jute farmers for scientific cultivation for increasing production and productivity. The production of raw jute during the last five years is at **Annexure-II**. In order to boost the jute industry, the Government has enacted the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packaging Commodities) Act, 1987. Under the provision of this Act, during the last five years, the Government has kept reservation of 100% and 20% for food grains and sugar respectively for packaging in jute bags

Through Production-cum-Supply Order (PCSO), Jute Commissioner places order to jute mills for production of sacking bags for packaging of foodgrains which supports the jute industry. During the last five years the PCSO has increased by more than 16%. The Government procures 70% of the total production of jute goods. From November, 2016 to February, 2023, a total quantity of around 187.80 lakh bales of jute bags worth Rs.56.19 thousand crore (approx.) has been procured by the Government from the jute industry.

Also, through announcement of Minimum Support Price (MSP), the Government protects the jute farmers from distress sale.

These steps of the Government have supported the farmers to get right price of their produce and sustainability of the jute industry.

(e): With introduction of a package of modern and scientific agronomic practices, for quality and productivity improvement in jute cultivation, NJB has been implementing Jute-ICARE (Improved Cultivation and Advanced Retting Exercise) project for the last eight years in a phased manner throughout the jute growing area including Assam. During the last eight years, the scheme has covered 1,63,757 Hectare land and 3,64,862 farmers of 212 Blocks through distributing 4,130 M.Ton certified jute seeds and agronomics equipment.

The project resulted in improving jute agriculture in the following manner: -

- (i) Increase in jute productivity from existing 22/23 quintals to 26/28 quintals per hectare;
- (ii) Quality upgradation to at least one grade high;
- (iii) Increase in farmers' income by approximately Rs 10,000/- per hectare due to production and quality improvement.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 315 to be answered on 22.03.2023 regarding “Jute Production”.

District-wise production of raw jute in Assam during the last five years and current year.

(Figure in Qtls.)

Year Wise	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
District-wise Production						
Dhubri	1,05,275	1,11,044	68,934	1,06,718	1,57,193	1,87,478
S S Mankachar	82,455	86,972	53,990	83,583	1,23,116	1,46,836
Bongaigaon	66,255	69,888	43,385	67,165	98,933	1,17,993
Barpeta	43,380	45,758	28,406	43,975	64,774	77,254
Darang	28,710	30,283	18,799	29,103	42,867	51,126
Udalguri	4,260	4,489	2,787	4,314	6,355	7,579
Goalpara	57,315	60,453	37,528	58,098	85,577	1,02,064
Kamrup	28,650	30,221	18,761	29,044	42,781	51,023
Nalbari	2,210	2,332	1,448	2,241	3,301	3,937
S. Salmara	14,980	15,804	9,811	15,188	22,372	26,682
W G Hills	5,830	6,148	3,816	5,908	8,703	10,379
Baska	1,085	1,144	710	1,099	1,619	1,931
Golaghat	7,055	7,442	4,620	7,152	10,535	12,564
Morigaon	77,610	81,860	50,817	78,671	1,15,880	1,38,205
Sonitpur	32,450	34,232	21,251	32,899	48,459	57,795
Nagaon	88,900	93,767	58,208	90,113	1,32,735	1,58,307
Hojai	5,925	6,250	3,880	6,007	8,848	10,553
W.KarbiAnglong	4,655	4,912	3,049	4,721	6,953	8,293
Total in Assam	6,57,000	6,93,000	4,30,200	6,66,000	9,81,000	11,70,000

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The production of Jute and Mesta during the last five years in the country is as follows: -

Jute Production in the Country

Year	Quantity in lakh bales/Qtls
2018-19	72 / 129.60
2019-20	68 / 122.40
2020-21	60 / 108.00
2021-22	90 / 162.00
2022-23	95 / 171.00

Jute Production in Assam

Year	Quantity in lakh bales/Qtls.
2018-19	3.85 / 6.93
2019-20	2.39 / 4.30
2020-21	3.70 / 6.66
2021-22	5.45 / 9.81
2022-23	6.50 / 11.70
