LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5448 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023

JUTE PRODUCTS

5448. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

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

- (a) the details of the policy adopted by the Government to increase the use of Jute Products keeping in mind the adverse environmental impact of Plastic materials;
- (b) whether the Jute Industry has been placed under the agenda of G20;
- (c) the details of the raw jute procured by JCI during the last three years in West Bengal; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to increase the income of the Jute Cultivators?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (**श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश**) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

- (a): The Central Government has launched National Jute Development Program for implementation during FY 2021-22 to 2025-26 for overall development and promotion of jute sector including awareness programme on using of eco-friendly jute products. Further, under Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987, the Government has kept reservation for 100% food grains and 20% sugar for packaging in jute material. Under the provisions of the JPM Act, 1987, the Government procures 70% of the total production of jute goods to support the industry.
- **(b):** No, Sir.
- (c): The details of the raw jute procured by JCI during the last three years in West Bengal is as under:

(Oty in quintal)

Year	MSP Procurement	Commercial	Total Procurement
		Procurement	
2019-20	1,29,420	25,884	1,55,304
2020-21	6,424	1,37,650	1,44,074
2021-22	1,911	2,035	3,946

(d): Under the National Jute Development Program, a scheme namely Jute–ICARE (Improved Cultivation and Advanced Retting Exercise) is implemented by National Jute Board with a view to increase the income of the Jute Cultivators through improving fibre quality and productivity of jute.
