GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 803 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th July, 2023

PROMOTING JUTE PRODUCTION

803 SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state;

- (a) the details of Jute production during each of the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the reasons for decline in production, if any;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to promote the growth of Jute sector, especially as compared to neighbouring countries like Bangladesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) and (b): The production of jute has been fluctuating over the years. Further, the production of various crops including jute depends on weather conditions, rainfall situation, irrigation facilities, inter-crop profitability, soil conditions and expectation of better remuneration from other competing crops etc. The State-wise details of Jute production during each of the last five years and current year, are at **Annexure**.
- (c) and (d): Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Jute & Allied fibres development programme under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 9 major states viz., Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal from 2014-15 with an aim to enhance production and productivity. Under this scheme, thrust has been given on transfer of technology through frontline demonstrations and training in order to extend benefits to the farmers. Besides, States can support jute development programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary of the State.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q No. 803 Due for reply on 25.07.2023

State	Production (in Thousand Bales of 180 kgs. Each)					
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Assam	841.29	761.69	791.67	773.76	743.41	771.05
Bihar	1109.71	928.84	646.81	618.31	713.39	660.92
Meghalaya	68.47	68.52	68.54	68.54	68.63	\$
West Bengal	7511.65	7697.48	7901.17	7451.86	8182.95	7575.34
Others	59.76	40.18	37.59	40.08	53.74	101.50
All India	9590.90	9496.72	9445.79	8952.55	9762.13	9108.81

Data for the year 2022-23 is of Third Advance Estimates

\$ - Included in Others
