

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1845  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2021

LABOUR UNREST IN JUTE MILLS

1845. DR. SUBHAS SARKAR:  
MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of an incident whereby several workers rampaged a jute mill in West Bengal which had suspended its operations recently, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government maintains any information on the number of jute mills that have closed down in West Bengal due to labour unrest and other reasons during the last three years;
- (c) if so, the response of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to boost jute sector and revive closed jute mills across the country, State-wise including West Bengal?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a): No such incidence has been brought to the notice of Central Government by the State Government.
- (b): During the last three years only one Jute Mill namely India Jute Mill was closed on 28/05/2018.
- (c) & (d): The Government has taken a number of measures for strengthening the jute sector and for reviving the closed mills. A brief of the steps taken by the Government is as follows:
- i.) Creation of consistent demand of jute bags for jute mills under the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) [JPM Act], 1987. At present, 100% of food grains and a minimum of 20% of sugar are to be compulsorily packed in jute sacking.
  - ii.) Imposition of Anti-Dumping Duty on jute goods originating from Bangladesh and Nepal to protect domestic jute industry.
  - iii.) Schemes for the welfare of farmers and jute sector:

1. Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Plants and Machinery (ISAPM) to facilitate modernization and up-gradation in existing and new jute mills/JDP units by way of capital subsidy.
2. JUTE–ICARE (Improved Cultivation and Advanced Retting Exercise) to introduce package of scientific technique of Jute cultivation and retting exercises for improving fibre quality and productivity and reducing the cost of jute production and to increase income of jute farmers.
3. Export Market Development Assistance Scheme to facilitate registered manufacturers and exporters of jute products to participate in international fairs and business delegation abroad for export promotion of lifestyle and other JDPs and boost exports.
4. Retail Outlet of Jute Diversified Products and Bulk Supply Scheme to support supply chain and bulk supply of JDPs by the jute entrepreneurs.
5. Jute Integrated Development Scheme (JIDS) provides Basic, Advance and Design Development training programmes and rendering the backward and forward linkages to the existing and potential entrepreneurs at grass-root level for creating and sustaining the JDP units.
6. Jute Raw Material Bank (JRMB) Scheme with aims at accelerating the pace of JDP activities in the country by catering to need of MSME-JDP units for production of JDPs.
7. Market Promotion Support scheme supports jute artisans, entrepreneurs, weavers, NGOs, Women Self Help Groups (WSHG) for selling, marketing and promotion of their products in India and abroad.
8. Scheme for Promoting usage of Geotechnical Textiles in North Eastern Region with the objective to demonstrate use of Geotechnical Textiles as a modern cost effective technology in the development of infrastructure fragile geological conditions.
9. Jute Development Programme is being implemented by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare in 9 major jute growing states with a focus on cropping system approach under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) with an aim for enhancing production and productivity.

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