

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4580
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH MARCH, 2022

PRODUCTION OF JUTE

†4580. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether public and private jute producing companies have achieved their production target set as per the requirement of States in the country during the years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and in the current financial year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total quantum of bardana (jute) procured for kharif crops in Chhattisgarh during the said period, place and year-wise;
- (c) the demand made by Chhattisgarh to Union Government for bardana (jute) for kharif crops as per the requirement of jute and set standards along with the contract signed for availability/distribution thereof during the said period; and
- (d) whether the Government has provided bardana (jute) as per the demand made by the State during the said period and if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): No Sir, Public and private jute producing companies/ Jute mills have not been able to meet the requirement of new jute bags by the States for procurement of foodgrains during the years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 (current financial year) due to their limited production capacity of jute bags.

(b)to(d): Based on the requirement of packaging material by the State Procuring Agencies (SPAs) including Chhattisgarh & Food Corporation of India(FCI), commitment by jute industry & foodgrain procurement estimates, GoI prepares month-wise supply plan for all the SPAs & FCI. Accordingly, SPAs & FCI places indents with Office of Jute Commissioner which in turn issues Production Control & Supply Order under the Jute & Jute Textiles & Control Order, 2016 to different jute mills for supply of jute bags as per relevant BIS standard. In this regard, no contracts are signed.

The details of demand and supply of bardana (jute) bags for Kharif crops to State of Chhattisgarh are as under:

Year	Demand Qty (Bales)	Supply Qty (Bales)
2018-19	259000	223194
2019-20	270000	265544
2020-21	350000	110470
2021-22	283000	214064

To avoid short supply of jute bags for packaging of foodgrains, following steps are taken:

- a) Permission for use of good quality used jute bags, are granted to SPAs/FCI. States/FCI are also permitted to arrange new jute bags from sources other than the Office of Jute Commissioner, Kolkata.
- b) Dilution in packaging norms for use of High-density polyethylene or polypropylene (HDPE/PP) bags as per provisions of Jute Packaging Materials(JPM) Act, 1987 is obtained from Ministry of Textiles.
