

**Cess dues from garment manufacturers**

4126. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:  
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a textile cess of over Rs. 10 crores is due to Government from 1300 garment manufacturers in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to realise its dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) Textiles Committee has so far identified 1278 garment manufacturers in the organised sector other than exporters liable to pay Textiles Committee's cess and has served them with notices for recovery of cess dues.

4127. {*Transferred to the 18th; August 1992.*}

**Revamping of. Jute Corporation of India**

4128. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:  
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH  
LATHER:  
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH  
MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the market intervention operations, including procurement at harvest season by Jute Corporation of India have been in jeopardy for the past two three years;

(b) if yes, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that jute producing farmers have been experiencing hardships on that account and consequently the acreage under jute and production have come down steeply;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what measures have been initiated to rectify the situation and streamline the

functioning of jute corporation and increase the production of jute in the long run?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) JCI has, together with its cooperative agents, procured 5.08 lakh bales of raw jute & mesta during the 1989-90 jute season 8.52 lakh bales of raw jute & mesta during the 1990-91 jute season & 6.16 lakh bales of raw jute & mesta during the 1991-92 jute season to protect the interests of jute growing farmers.

(c) and (d) The area under cultivation and production of raw jute & mesta for the past three years has been estimated by the Ministry of Agriculture as:

		Area under cultiva- tion (in '000 hectares)	Production (In lakh bales)
1989-90	.	907	82.89
1990-91	.	1023	90.00
1991-92	.	1095	90.00

However, the area under cultivation of raw jute & mesta is estimated to have declined during (the 1992-93 jute season) due to lack of adequate rainfall during sowing season and the comparatively lower level of prices obtained by farmers for their produce during the previous season.

(e) JCI is committed to protect the interests of jute growing farmers by conducting price support operations without any quantitative limits in the eventuality of fall in prices of raw jute below support level. Government are implementing a Special Jute Development Programme to provide Jute growing farmers in selected districts with essential inputs viz. certified seeds essential nutrients, pesticides, improved farm equipment and retting tanks in addition to carrying out demons-

trations and training of farmers in improved agriculture practices.

**Cooperative Spinning Mills in the Country**

4129. SHRI VITHALBHAI M.

PATEL:

SHRI SURENDER SINGH;

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of textile mills in the country, out of these how many are sick mills and what has been done by Government to make them viable; and

(b) what is the number of spinning mills in cooperative sector in different parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) As on 31.3.92, there were 1109 Cotton/Man-made Textile Mills in the country. 199 mills are sick as per Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) as on 31.12.91 Govt. has set up a Nodal Agency/BIFR to examine the mills and to evolve and manage rehabilitation package in respect of sick/closed textile mills.

(b) A Statement is attached.

**Statement**

*Statewise break-up of Co-operative Spinning Mills.*

States/Union Territories	No. of Cotton Spinning Mills
1. Andhra Pradesh . . . . .	9
2. Assam . . . . .	1
3. Bihar . . . . .	3
4. Gujarat . . . . .	4
5. Haryana . . . . .	1
6. Jammu & Kashmir . . . . .	—
7. Karnataka . . . . .	9
8. Kerala . . . . .	4
9. Madhya Pradesh . . . . .	2
10. Maharashtra . . . . .	35
11. Orissa . . . . .	6
12. Punjab . . . . .	6
13. Rajasthan . . . . .	8
14. Tamil Nadu . . . . .	19
15. Uttar Pradesh . . . . .	11
16. West Bengal . . . . .	1
17. Pondicherry (U.T.) . . . . .	1
18. Goa . . . . .	—
19. Himachal Pradesh . . . . .	—
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>115</b>