

Railway	Vacant land (in hectares)
Southern	2651
South Central	1349
South Eastern	466
Southeast Central	2979
South Western	4131
Western	6243
West Central	476
Production Units	405
TOTAL	47336

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Making textile sector job oriented

†505. SHRI VIJAY GOEL:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating any policy with the objective of making textile sector job-oriented, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the special measures being taken by Government for promoting export in textile sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The textile sector is already a labour-intensive sector employing the largest number of people after agriculture. The Ministry of Textiles, Government of India has constituted an Expert Committee for reviewing Textile Policy 2000 and formulating a new National Textile Policy.

(b) The Government has introduced several export promotion measures in the

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successive Union Budgets as well as through schemes of Foreign Trade Policy 2009-2014, including harmonized Zero Duty Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme covering all sectors and extension of 2% interest subvention scheme to certain specific sectors such as handicrafts, handlooms, carpets, readymade garments etc. In addition, various measures such as Incremental Export Incentivisation Scheme, Utilization of Duty Credit Scrip Scheme and inclusion of new products under Focus Product Scheme have been initiated with a view to promoting textile sector exports to various countries.

Boost to RBHM Katihar Jute Mill, Bihar

506. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to enhance the production and export potential of RBHM Katihar Jute Mill in Bihar, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of financial assistance provided to the Mill during the last two years; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government for growth of jute industry in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes Sir. To enhance production and cost effectiveness of RBHM, Katihar, National Jute Manufacturers Corporation Ltd. is upgrading its equipment in phases and doing need based repair and renovation of machines. There is also a plan for entering in production linked payment system to the labour contractor for increasing the production. There is no plan for making exportable goods presently.

(b) An amount of Rs. 7.87 crores in 2012-13 and Rs. 6.04 crores in 2013-14 has been provided to RBHM Mill, Katihar.

(c) Government of India is taking various steps for growth of jute industry in India, including Bihar. Some of these are as under:

- (i) In order to encourage jute production, compulsory packaging of certain percentage of foodgrains and Sugar in jute is mandated under Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory Use in Packaging Commodities), 1987.
- (ii) Government of India launched the Jute Technology Mission (JTM) as a major initiative for overall development of the jute industry and growth of the jute sector with a total outlay of Rs.355.55 crores between 2006-07 to 2012-13.