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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001  
Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2014

**Subject: Price Policy for Raw Jute for 2014-15 season - regarding.**

Government of India has announced the Price Policy for Raw Jute for 2014-15 season. Decisions taken are as under:-

- (i) The Minimum Support Price (MSP) of TD-5 grade of raw jute for 2014-15 season has been fixed at Rs. 2400 per quintal for the entire country.
- (ii) The premiums for TD-3 and TD-4 varieties of raw jute be maintained at 20 percent and 8 percent respectively in relation to the price of TD-5.
- (iii) Corresponding Minimum Support Price for other varieties and grades of raw jute be fixed keeping in view, apart from normal market price differentials, the aggregate scores assigned to different grades of raw jute.
- (iv) The Jute Corporation of India will continue as Central Government Nodal Agency to undertake Price Support Operations and the losses incurred, if any, in the MSP operations, will be fully reimbursed by the Central Government.
- (v) Appropriate action may be taken by the concerned Ministries/ Departments of the Government, State Governments and other Agencies on non-price recommendations of the CACP given in the Annexure in a time-bound manner.

In this connection, I am directed to request you to take appropriate action immediately on the above decisions under intimation to this office.

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**NON-PRICE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE CACP IN ITS REPORT ON PRICE POLICY FOR RAW JUTE FOR 2014-15 SEASON.**

The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices in its report on price policy for raw jute for the 2014-15 season, made the following non- price recommendations for the long run development of the Jute Sector:

- (i) The crucial determinant of the fibre quality and cost of raw jute production is the process of retting. The current retting processes need to be mechanized by scaled up demonstrations and adoption of decorticator machine. Recently, some machines have been imported from China which need to be adapted to Indian conditions and requirements. As the machines are expensive and jute farming is mostly by small growers, a 50 percent subsidy on the machines may be provided to farmer groups/panchayats in the jute growing districts. The enhanced use of these machines would help cut down labour costs and make Indian jute sector more competitive.
- (ii) The compulsory packaging of foodgrains under the JPMA may be reduced from the current 90 percent to 80 percent whereas the sugar sector may be totally exempted in line with the recommendations of the Rangarajan Committee.
- (iii) A concerted push towards diversification to high value products, in conjunction with the jute industry, should be undertaken on priority. This would expand the demand for jute products and make the sector remunerative and self-sustaining.
- (iv) A high-level committee needs to be constituted to examine the issue of wide divergence between the production estimates given by the DES and the JAB.

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