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No. Jute(T)-6/1/309/17-I-(E)

Dated 27th August, 2025

To,

1. The Chairman, IJMA
2. The Secretary, JBA

Subject: Minutes of the meeting to review the current situation of raw jute market-matter regarding

Sir,


This has reference to the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Jute Commissioner on 27.08.2025 in this office, in connection with the above mentioned subject matter.

In this respect, I am directed by the competent authority to forward you the minutes of the aforesaid meeting for your information and necessary action.

This issues with the approval of the Jute Commissioner.

Encl: As above

Yours Faithfully,


(S. Datta) 27/08/2025

Asst. Director (JM)

For, O/o the Jute Commissioner

Copy for information to:

1. The Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Jute Section, Ministry of Textiles, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. MD, The JCI Ltd. - Patsan Bhawan, Newtown, Kolkata

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1. Dy. Director (Mktg.), Office of Jute Commissioner,
2. Asst. Director (Cost), Office of Jute Commissioner.

(S. Datta)
Asst. Director (JM)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – JUTE COMMISSIONER OFFICE, IJMA & JBA ON RAW JUTE PRICES

A meeting was held on 27.08.2025 at 11:30 AM in Patsan Bhawan in the Office of Jute Commissioner, Kolkata to review the current situation of the raw jute market including rising trend of raw jute prices and strain on the availability of the raw jute. The list of the attendees is given in Annexure I.

1. Jute Commissioner initiated the discussion by highlighting the present surge in the prices of raw jute, as well as apparent strain on the raw jute arrival in the market.
2. It was indicated from reports made available by the JCI that the market prices of raw jute in the 'Mokam' have increased on an average by more than Rs. 300 - 1100 per quintal in the last 7 days across the jute growing regions, from Coochbehar to Behrampur respectively. The price has crossed Rs. 8000 per quintal for the reference grade some days back and is now hovering close to Rs. 9000 per quintal – which is unacceptable.
3. It has also been noted that the extensive Satellite data on acreage of jute from the NRSC, ISRO supplemented with the field report on the health of the jute crops, does not indicate any short crop; hence this unusual surge in price at this initial stage of the jute season appears to be inconsistent with the realities in the ground. In fact, reports indicate that both the quality and yield of jute this year is excellent – much better than in recent years.
4. Accordingly, it was pointed out by the Jute Commissioner that both his office and the Ministry of Textiles are deeply concerned about the recent price surge.
5. Jute Commissioner further opined that such unregulated price rise may severely affect food-grain packaging costs, and accordingly, the Government is monitoring the anomalous situation very closely and contemplating taking steps for regulation of the market, if required.
6. Jute Commissioner also pointed out that procurement of B-twill bags by the Government of India is a unique action for the protection of a sector by a Government without any known parallels anywhere – it is not expected for the beneficiaries to take any undue advantage of the situation.
7. On the other hand, the representatives from the JBA argued that at this stage, jute is available mostly with the farmers, and any step by the Government to regulate prices shall impact the economic health of the farming community. They urged the Jute Commissioner to review the situation after 7-10 days.
8. Representatives from the IJMA argued out that the surge in prices of raw jute has been caused due to the drastic fall in raw jute imports from Bangladesh, due to the recent order by the Government banning import through land ports. They stressed that apart

from government supplies, 20-30 % of jute mills' produce is for the indigenous private market and exports, for which imported raw jute maintains a balance in supply and demand of indigenous jute. They submitted that the present order has created some disturbance in the balance, causing this present surge in the market.

9. It was also mentioned by the IJMA members that since last few days, arrivals has started due to the improvement of the weather in the state, which otherwise has witnessed an extended period of continuous rainfall, causing further delay in drying of retted jute entailing very limited arrivals from the mokams.
10. IJMA, likewise JBA urged the Jute Commissioner to review the situation after 7 days, by which the situation is expected to stabilize. Meanwhile they requested Jute Commissioner to approach the appropriate authority of the Government to review the recent order on restricting imports, which if revised is likely to restore balance in the market price.
11. Finally, it was impressed upon those present that if the current trend of prices remain high or volatile, strict policy action in terms of the Jute & Jute Textiles Control Order 2016 shall follow. Jute Commissioner Office will be keeping a close watch and constantly monitor the situation.
12. Concluding the meeting, the Jute Commissioner advised all stakeholders to show maturity and balance in buying jute responsibly to prevent disruptions to the Govt. B. Twill supply chain.

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Annexure-I

List of Participant(s):

| Sl. No. | Name | Organization |
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| 1. | Sh. Moloy Chandan Chakrabortty - In Chair | Jute Commissioner |
| 2. | Sh. Sourav Mukherjee, Dy. Director (Mktg.) | O/o the JC |
| 3. | Sh. Soumyadipta Datta, Asst. Director (JM) | O/o the JC |
| 4. | Sh. Amir Akhtar, Asst. Director (Cost) | O/o the JC |
| 5. | Sh. R. Gupta | Chairman, IJMA |
| 6. | Sh. Rishav Kajaria | Dy. Chairman, IJMA |
| 7. | Sh. Madan Toshniwal | JBA |
| 8. | Sh. O. P. Soni | JBA |
| 9. | Sh. Jay Kumar Bagra | JBA |