

## **Invitation for Project Proposals under Component II of the “Scheme for Research & Development, Transfer of Technologies and Dissemination in Jute Sector”.**

The Ministry of Textiles, Govt of India have launched a “Scheme for Research and Development for the Textile Industry including Jute” for a period of five years from 2014-15 to 2018-19. The detailed guidelines and application/ monitoring formats etc. can be downloaded from the website [www.jutecomm.gov.in](http://www.jutecomm.gov.in). Eligible agencies like Textile Research Associations (TRAs), Universities, Govt Approved Research Centres such as IITS/Govt aided Institutions/ institutions approved by DST/ DSIR, Industry Associations etc. may apply to the Jute Commissioner, Office of the Jute Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, CGO Complex, 3<sup>rd</sup> MSO Buildings, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, E&F Wing, DF Block, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700064 in the requisite formats as per the approved guidelines(as revised) within 30 days from date of publication of the advertisement.

The indicative priorities areas of R&D have been identified and are as follows:

1. Improved mechanical extraction and retting of jute fibre
2. Popularization of newly released improved varieties of jute seeds and adoption of improved agronomical practices.
3. Promote R&D efforts for increasing the use of jute in more diversified applications, specifically where the jute will be used in bulk.
4. Promoting use of jute for jute-geo-textiles, jute-agrotextiles, technical textiles, for making paper pulp, for developing jute composites for use in automobiles and other sectors, for developing jute particle boards, etc.
5. New technological and engineering developments (such as woolenisation, fire retardant and water proof fabrics, etc.) already achieved in other textiles applications will be duly re-engineered through further R&D efforts for adaptation in Jute.
6. Transfer of technologies developed and industrial/field demonstration for technology adoption.
7. Development of jute machinery.