

## Minutes of the Meeting with Jute Industry on Falling price of Raw Jute

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Time: 03:30 hrs.

Participants: As per Annexure – I

Venue: Conference Room of the Office of the Jute Commissioner

The issue relating to falling raw jute prices was discussed at length. The Jute Balers' Association, West Bengal (JBA) and the Indian Jute Mills Association (IJMA) had different opinions regarding a solution. There are alarming reports that the raw jute prices have fallen close to Minimum Support Price (MSP) or even below in some parts of the state.

IJMA pointed out that historically the arrival of stock in August – September has never exceeded 10 lakh bales in any one month and therefore achieving 18 lakh bales stock at the end of September 2016 will be impossible. This was also agreed to by the JBA. However, both sides agreed that it should be possible with the right intent buy 12 lakh bales between 20<sup>th</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 subject to following of certain norms by the JBA/ traders and the jute mills. The JBA price quotations of TD-5 on date is Rs. 3525 ( Ex-West Bengal) for Kolkata landed price and at this price farmers are almost certain to sell jute below MSP. The IJMA offered to buy at a price of Rs.3730/- for TD5 and JBA state that this was a reasonable price to follow on cash basis. Thus at the end of September 2016, jute mills must carry a minimum stock of 9 lakh bales. Accordingly, following were decided:

- (1) The rate at which raw jute would be offered by JBA/traders and will be purchased by jute mills on cash basis are as follows:

TD-5 – West Bengal	-	Rs. 3730/-
Ex-Other States/ Bihar	-	+Rs. 50/-
Ex-Other States/Assam	-	+Rs.150/-
Northern TD5	-	+Rs.300/-
Semi Northern	-	+Rs.125/-


These will be the price at mill gate.

The following table provides prices for all revised grades accordingly.

Rs./Qtl

TDN1	TDN2	TDN3	TDN4	TDN5
4230	4030	3730	3500	3330

- (2) No buyer and no seller will be entitled to buy or sell other than these rates specified till 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Any deviation from this will be brought to the notice of the Office of the Jute Commissioner by the respective parties for corrective action under the respective control order.
- (3) Moisture content for jute shall be as per JCI norms. The JBA would ensure that its members will supply jute on cash basis and based on weighment of Weigh Bridge inside or outside the mill. Raw jute offered in loose volume will be priced at Rs.75 less than baled jute. JBA would try to keep loose supply to the minimum.
- (4) JMA to provide the amount of raw jute to be purchased by each jute mill during this period.
- (5) Jute mills to provide weekly purchases and stocks as before.
- (6) JBA and IJMA to meet on 23<sup>rd</sup> August to resolve the issue of pending payments and provide a workable solution.
- (7) IJMA has taken a resolution not to import raw jute in this season (except a small quantity of special grade). They have also resolved to not import jute goods from abroad either directly or through traders.

  
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Jute Commissioner

## Meeting regarding availability of raw jute in O/o Jute Commissioner on 03-06-2016.

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