Government Reduces Jute Stock Limits for Jute Traders and Balers

Move follows review by Hon’ble Union Minister of Textiles.

Aimed to improve availability of raw jute and protect interests of workers

Government to review stock limits from time to time to maintain market stability

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The stock limits imposed by Jute Commissioner through the notification dated 18.12.2025 are now revised to ensure fair distribution, prevent hoarding and speculative practices in the trade of raw jute. The stock limits are revised and issued in terms of the provisions of the Jute and Jute Textiles Control Order, 2016.

The revision has been necessitated by the sharp rise in Jute prices in the past few months, which are well above the minimum support price (MSP) for 2025-26. Moreover, various stakeholders have also expressed concerns regarding availability of raw jute.

The revised stock limits of raw jute are as follows:

Jute Stock Limits

- **Raw Jute Balers with Baling Press on Premises:** Maximum 1,200 quintals at any time.
- **Other Stockists (excluding balers):** Maximum 25 quintals at any time.
- **Raw jute traders who have not applied for registration with o/o Jute Commissioner:** Maximum 5 quintals at any time.
- **Jute Mills/Processing Units:** Maximum up to the equivalent of 45 days’ consumption as per current production rates.

Regulatory Instructions

- All stocking entities are required to declare and update jute stock positions fortnightly on the Jute SMART portal (http://jutecomm.gov.in/JuteSmart.html).
- Entities holding stocks exceeding the prescribed limits must reduce their holdings within 10 days from the issuance of the order, physically deliver the excess to consignees, and submit compliance reports with supporting documentation to the Jute Commissioner’s Office promptly, not later than 10th February 2026.
- For raw jute stocked in a single premise in names of different traders/stockists/balers etc, the total quantity on that premise must be within the declared limits.

Enforcement and Compliance

- Officials are authorized to inspect premises and records, and to seize excess stocks found in contravention of this order.
- Request has also been made to respective State Governments for assistance in enforcement action against the entities hoarding the raw jute.
- Punitive action in terms of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 shall be initiated against any entity, which is found to be in violation of the instructions regarding declaring the stock positions or violation of stock limits.
- Penalty for contravention of the stock control order is provided under Section 7 of Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Further, the confiscation provisions for violation of the order are defined under Section 6 and penalty for false statements is provided under Section 9 of the Act.

The volatility in the prices and speculative increases have the potential to threaten the jute industry and has potential for disruption in the production and employment in the industry. These measures are intended to stabilise jute supply, prevent market manipulation, and support the interests of farmers, manufacturers, and consumers nationwide.

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