The observations of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India vide Para 10.1 of 10.1 C&AG’s Report No.2 of 2004 and para No.10 of C&AG’s Report No.4 of 2001, for Autonomous Bodies in respect of this Ministry are as follows:-

10.1 Recovery at the instance of audit

The lackadaisical approach of the Ministry resulted in Rs.1.17 crore remaining unutilized with Jute Corporation of India (JCI), which was refunded along with interest of Rs. 1.53 crore only after it was pointed out by Audit.

Action taken by this Ministry

A fund of Rs. 2 crore was released by the Ministry of Textiles to the Jute Corporation of India (JCI) from the Special Jute Development Fund (SJDF) for disbursement to the State level Co-operative procurement agencies for creation of infrastructural facilities at the procurement center for raw jute. JCI could disburse only Rs. 83.84 lakh to the aforesaid agencies. Later, the JCI refunded the principal amount of Rs. 1.17 crore along with interest of Rs. 1.53 crore to the Government on 19.02.2002. The Ministry have also issued instructions to the JCI to take remedial action to prevent the recurrence of such instances in future.

10.0 Delay in commencement of a project by 12 years:

Deficient planning and management failure of Indian Jute Industries Research Association, Calcutta delayed a project on jute diversification by 12 years despite an expenditure of Rs.1.34 crore.

Action taken by this Ministry

The duly vetted action taken note has been sent to the Principal Director of Audit for vetting.