ORDER

New Delhi, the 30th June, 2001

S.O.No.622 (E) - Whereas, the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat, at Ahmedabad in Case No. SCA No. 12615 of 2000 Gujarat State Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Vs. UOI, vide its judgement dated 19.06.2001 has quashed the Notification dated 25.10.2000 [S.O.No.955 (E)] issued by the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3(1) of the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 and directed that till the Central Government takes a decision on the fresh recommendation of Standing Advisory Committee, the notification giving relaxation in reservation for packaging under the said Act for Sugar and Foodgrains be given effect;

Whereas, the Standing Advisory Committee has given a recommendation regarding the commodities to be packed in jute packaging material for the jute year 2001-2002 based on which the Central Government is yet to take a decision;

Now, therefore, in the exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 (10 of 1987), the Central Government hereby directs that with effect from the date of publication of this notification, the commodities specified in column (2) of the schedule below shall be packed in jute packaging material, for supply or distribution, in such minimum percentage as specified in corresponding entries in column (3) of the said schedule till 31st July, 2001 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

SCHEDULE

| SI. No. | Commodities | Percentage of total production of commodity or class of commodities required to be packed in jute packaging material. |
|---------|------------------------|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (1) | Foodgrains | Ninety percent |
| (2) | Sugar | Ninety percent |
| (3) | Fertilizer (Urea only) | Fifteen percent |

Further, in exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 16 of the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987, (10 of 1987), the Central Government hereby directs that export packaging and small consumer packs of 5 kg and below in respect of foodgrains and sugar shall be exempted from the operation of this order.

[F.No. 9/4/2001-Jute] T.NANDAKUMAR, Jt. Secy.