

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Cocoon- laid

SHRI D.K. SURESH (BANGALORE RURAL) : Sericulture is a main source of income for lakhs of farmers in the country. Silk industry is capable enough to provide jobs to lakhs of youth also.

Sericulture farmers have been facing problems due to the crash in Cocoon prices. Large number of farmers committed suicide in recent months.

Coronavirus even worsened the situation. The Govt had earned good revenue by exporting silk goods particularly from Karnataka in recent years.

It is the duty of the Government to help farmers in the times of distress and encourage more people to engage in sericulture which has the capability to provide employment as well as revenue to the country. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to declare an MSP for Cocoon at the earliest to help the farmers.

