

Development of Sericulture in Gujarat

4243. SHRI KASHIRAMRANA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the average annual production of silk in Gujarat and what was its actual production in the State during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government provide any Central assistance to Gujarat for increasing silk production in the State;

Year	Kgs.
1989-90	400
1990-91	400
1991-92	600

(b) to (e). In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, the Central Silk Board (CSB) is extending necessary R&D, Extension & Training support for development of sericulture in the State. The National Sericulture Project is also being implemented by CSB in Surat & Valsad districts of the State since 1989-90.

Besides, CSB is extending technical & other assistance, including supply of cuttings, saplings, disease free layings (dfIs), Chawkie reared dfIs etc to sericulturists in the State.

Development of Kollam-Kovalam as Waterway

4244. SHRI V.S. VJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the incentives given by the Government to the silk producers in the State: and

(e) the action the Government propose to take for the overall growth of silk production in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Based on the production of reeling cocoons in Gujarat during the last 3 years, the estimated production of raw silk as under :-

have submitted any project report for development of the Kollam-Kovalam as waterway in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MIISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. The Govt. of Kerala has sent a project report on the development of West Coast Canal from Kovalam to Kollam. The project report envisages renovation and desiltation of canal and opening of tunnels, provision of terminal facilities and construction of foot bridges across the canal at an estimated cost of Rs. 892.80 lakhs.

(c) The proposal is being examined in consultation with Inland Waterways Authority of India.