

(b) if so, the names of the countries competing with Indian exporters of ready-made garments;

(c) whether margin of Indian exporters is under severe pressure due to competition from other countries; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in the matter ?

**THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our major competitors in the field of garment exports are Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, China etc.

(c) and (d). In spite of competition from other countries, garment exports have been showing consistent upward trend during the last few years.

#### **Sericulture in North and North-Eastern Region**

526. **SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI :**  
**SHRI BIMALKANTI GHOSH :**

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have formulated any scheme to encourage sericulture in Himalayas, Kashmir and North-Eastern Region of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this plan will ensure prosperity of sericulture in the aforesaid areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :** (a) to (d). Central Silk Board has drawn a comprehensive project for production of 140 tonnes of tasar yarn in the States of U.P., M.P., J & K in sub-Himalayan belt and Manipur, Nagaland, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh & Mizoram in the North-Eastern Region at a total cost of Rs. 45.50 crores for implementation over a period of 5 years. The Central Silk Board supplements the efforts of the State Governments of these regions for encouraging development of mulberry/muga/tassar sericulture in the potential areas of these States. The number of institutions/units set up by the Board for this purpose is as under :

1. Uttar Pradesh	4
2. Madhya Pradesh	2
3. Jammu & Kashmir	7
4. North-Eastern Region	13

The various schemes of Central/State Governments are expected to improve prosperity of sericulture in these regions.

#### **World Bank Aid for Power Sector**

527. **SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has sought larger World Bank participation in the power sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the World Bank has agreed to provide more aid to India for power sector; and

(d) if so, to what extent ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) :** (a) to (d). The World Bank extends loans to India for projects in various sectors. The quantum of loan depends on the requirements of these projects as well as the resources position of the Bank. Power continues to be a sector for which substantial aid has been committed by the World Bank. The total quantum of credit/loan extended by the World Bank to India in Bank's Fiscal Year 1988 was about \$ 3 billion out of which \$ 610 million was for power projects.

#### **Trade Protocol with China**

528. **SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI :**  
**SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL :**  
**DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :**  
**SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL :**

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian and Chinese officials held three-day talks to draw up trade protocol for 1988-89 and discussed how to