

**Recovery of Loan from SSIs in Bihar**

2138. SHRI SHAKUNI CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether 15 per cent Small Scale Industries (SSIs) in Bihar have been closed rendering their entrepreneurs jobless and it is not possible to make recovery of loan from them provided to them by Bihar State Finance Corporation (BSFC);

(b) if so, whether the loan given to these industries by the BSFC was refinanced by IDSI;

(c) whether the Government propose to waive off this loan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN) : (a) As reported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) there were 22,702 sick SSI units financed by Scheduled Commercial Banks in the State of Bihar with an outstanding amount of Rs.20.62 crores as on end March 1997.

(b) The term loan given to SSI units by Bihar State Financial Corporation (BSFC) were refinanced by Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and subsequently by Small Industrial Development Bank of India (SIDBI) upto the year 1991-92. As on March 31, 1998 the default by BSFC to SIDBI and IDBI aggregated to Rs.182.94 crores.

(d) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Cultivation of Silk-Munga-Lasar**

2139. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States and the area under cultivation of silk-Munga-lasar;

(b) whether there is any scheme for expansion of silk production during the next plan and if so, the types of silk indicating the locations where the expansion is to be undertaken;

(c) whether the areas under cultivation of tasar silk are not expanded in the country and it is only due to the domination of Mulberry areas on the Silk Board and they are making investment in that very areas;

(d) whether the development of silk has been interrupted due to shifting of Silk Board Office;

(e) if so, whether the Government propose to consider the decision;

(f) the number of schemes undertaken by the Silk Board for the development of tasar, Munga and Eri during the last three years and the total amount spent thereon and the position of development of Tasar in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa and Munga and Eri in Assam;

(g) whether the development of Munga silk have stagnated and the said silk is produced only in India; and

(h) whether the development of Eri silk is also almost stagnant but the silk board is not paying any attention to it?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA) : (a) There is mulberry cultivation in all the States of the country though the major producing States are Andhra Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. The area under mulberry cultivation reported by States is 2.82 lakh ha. Tropical tasar is cultivated in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The major producers are Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa. Muga is cultivated in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and West Bengal. The major producer is Assam. Eri is cultivated in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa and West Bengal. The major producers are Assam and Manipur. The estimated areas under tropical tasar, Muga and Eri food plants including forest food plants are around 61000, 3100, 18000 ha. respectively.

(b) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Sericulture Departments, the Central Silk Board (CSB) has implemented a number of schemes/projects/programmes for promoting development of all the four types of silk. These include schemes for extension of R&D, training, infrastructural & extension support to the sector through network of CSB's units & implementation of certain developmental/incentive/financial assistance schemes for encouraging adoption of modern sericultural practices for production of quality silk. These schemes are implemented for the expansion/production of all the four varieties of silk in potential areas of respective variety silk producing States.

(c) No, Sir. Except for about 7800 ha. under block plantations in tropical tasar, most of the food plants are in forest areas. Tasar silk production in the last three years has been 194, 235 and 312 tonnes respectively.

(d) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(f) The CSB has offered a number of schemes to the States as indicated below:

Year	Number of Schemes offered		
	Tasar	Eri	Muga
1995-96	10	5	10
1996-97	10	5	10
1997-98	09	6	12