

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 603
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023

SAMARTH SCHEME

603. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:
PROF. RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state :

- (a) the details of the progress of the Samarth Scheme so far with regard to the enrollment, completion of course and successful implementation of the scheme;
- (b) the details of the total funds allocated and utilized so far under the Samarth Scheme particularly in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;
- (c) the details of the progress and implementation of the Silk Samagra Scheme; and
- (d) whether Vegan Silk or Harm Free Silk has been incorporated under the Silk Samagra Scheme and the Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS) to attract the global consumer market and if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

- (a): Samarth Scheme is a demand driven & placement-oriented umbrella skilling programme of the Ministry of Textiles. Details of progress of implementation of Samarth are given at **Annexure-I**.
- (b): There is no State-wise allocation of funds under Samarth. Cost of training programme, as per the rates prescribed under Common Norms of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is released directly to the Implementing Partners (IPs) based on physical progress of the training programme. An amount of Rs. 293.10 crore has been utilized till 29.11.2023 under the Samarth Scheme across the country including in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.
- (c): Government of India through Central Silk Board implemented 'Silk Samagra' scheme during the period 2017-18 to 2020-21 and is presently implementing 'Silk Samagra-2' scheme from the year 2021-22 to 2025-26 for the overall development of sericulture industry in the country. The physical and financial progress of the scheme is given at **Annexure-II**.
- (d): The Central Silk Board (CSB) has the mandate to deal with the development of silk generated from Silk Worm i.e Mulberry, Tasar, Eri and Muga. Vegan Silk or Harm Free Silk does not specifically come under the purview of CSB. However, Eri Silk, which is being popularized in the global market under the brand 'Vanya Silks' of India can be considered as a harm-free silk, because silk yarn is made from eri cocoons without killing the pupae. The Government of India through Central Silk Board has implemented Central Schemes viz., "Silk Samagra" and "North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS)" to promote silk industry including Eri Silk in the country. Under these schemes, assistance is provided to sericulture stakeholders through respective State Sericulture Departments for various critical interventions from farm to fabric, besides providing R&D, Extension and silkworm seed support for development of eri culture.

Details of progress of Samarth

No. of Implementing Partners	No. of Projects	No. of State/ UTs covered	No. of beneficiaries enrolled in batches	No. of beneficiaries Trained & Assessed (passed)
176	261	35	3,77,696	2,43,313 [#]

During COVID-19 physical training got discontinued and 47,232 beneficiaries have been dropped out. In addition, 56,105 have been marked dropped out due to attendance shortage, non-completion of training etc.

Annexure-II**Details of progress of Silk Samagra Physical**

#	Scheme / Particulars	Unit	Silk Samagra (2017-21)	Silk Samagra-2		
				2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (Up to Oct-23)
1	a. New Research projects initiated	No.	145	35	35	5
	b. Research Project concluded	No.	170	38	38	14
	c. Persons trained	No.	57,479	12,163	15,172	5,068
2	Area under Mulberry Plantation	Lakh ha.	2.38	2.42	2.53	2.63
3	Total Raw Silk Production in the Country	MT	33,770 (#)	34,903	36,582	18,343*
4	Bivoltine Raw Silk Production	MT	6,783 (#)	7,941	8,904	4,343*
5	Silk production in NE Region	MT	7,465 (#)	7,936	7,953	4,544*
6	Employment Generation	lakh persons	87.3 (#)	87.8	92.1	--
7	Seed production (Mulberry, Tasar, Muga and Eri)	Lakh Nos.	416.255 (#)	389.9	398.99	248.89
8	Members Enrollment –Authorized users	No.	1,103	360	399	271
9	Silk Mark Label distribution	Lakh No.	103.97	30.42	40.27	21.01

(#)- Data pertains to Silk Samagra scheme end year 2020-21

(*)-Data up to Sept-2023

Financial (Rs. in crore)

Silk Samagra (2017-21)		Silk Samagra-2					
		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure (Up to Oct-23)
2,619.46	2,576.76	875.00	854.10	875.00	875.00	917.77	418.12
