

HEALTH HAZARDS FACED BY SERICULTURE FARMERS

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

- (a) the details of the health hazards being faced by the Sericulture farmers;
- (b) whether any skin allergy related issues are being brought to the notice of the farmers, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the release of Carbon Monoxide during the rearing process has been found a cause of allergies, respiratory problems for the silk growing farmers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to overcome the health hazards faced by sericulture farmers especially Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts of Karnataka and if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

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(a) to (c): To avoid any specific health hazards, sericulture is being practiced by the farmers in accordance with recommended package of practices / technologies throughout the country. Central Silk Board sensitizes sericulture farmers about techniques/ procedure to be followed/ practiced during disinfection of rearing house, bed disinfection and silkworm rearing to avoid health risks through various training and awareness programmes. These advance procedures / techniques also avoid releasing / accumulation of Carbon Monoxide gas during rearing process. No such complaint / report related to health hazards including skin allergy, respiratory problems among sericulture farmers have been received so far.

(d): Though, there are no specific health hazards associated / noticed with sericulture farmers including the area of Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts of Karnataka, R & D institutes of Central Silk Board educate farmers about safety measures while performing silkworm rearing and rearing house disinfection to avoid health risks.
