

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF TASSAR SILK
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the vast scope for increasing Tasar Silk production in various States particularly in Orissa and Jharkhand State;
- (b) if so, the possibility explored to increase Tasar Silk production in these States during the last three years, till date, State-wise; and
- (c) the funds provided thereunder for the said period State-wise and year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) to (b) Yes, Sir. The steps taken by Central Silk Board (CSB) during the last three years to increase tasar silk production in the State of Orissa and in the areas now falling within the State of Jharkhand are given as under:

- (i) A sub-programme on Non-Mulberry silk under UNDP-FHAP Programmes in Orissa;
- (ii) A coordinated project on the conservation of wild tasar eco-race in Similipal biosphere, Mayurbhanj district, Orissa;
- (iii) Catalytic Development schemes in both States for
- a. Support to States for up-gradation of seed multiplication infrastructure for tropical tasar;
- b. Support to co-operatives for popularization of improved reeling and spinning devices for tropical tasar; and
- c. Crop insurance for tasar.
- (iv) Research, seed multiplication, demonstration cum training & technical services and activities through CSB centres located within these States
- (c) State-wise expenditure incurred on the above projects/schemes during the period from 1997-98 to 2000-2001 (till December, 2000) is given below:
(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Orissa	Jharkhand
1997-98	125.22	443.32
1998-99	147.78	464.79
1999-2000	203.80	515.48
2000-2001 (till December, 2000)	188.71	452.10