

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF SERICULTURE  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal to boost sericulture and also expand the area under mulberry in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the proposed economic package likely to be provided for the purpose;
- (d) whether the some State Governments have submitted proposals for the purpose; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) to (c) The strategy for Sericulture sector for the X Five year Plan drawn up by the Central Silk Board in consultation with the State Governments aims to substantially expand mulberry silk and non-mulberry silk production by assisting and supporting quality and productivity in on farm and post farm activities from an estimated 16400 tonnes of mulberry and 1580 tonnes of non mulberry silk in 2001-2002 (provisional) to a projected 24150 tones of mulberry and 2300 tonnes of non mulberry silk by 2006-2007. Measures include the adoption of bivoltine sericulture wherever feasible, improved technologies in rearing & reeling, improved seed supply systems, expansion of area of plantation and diversification and development of products etc. Programmes for Research & Development, transfer of technology and provision of critical inputs to States through centrally sponsored schemes have been emphasized.

(d) & (e) As per the procedure adopted for centrally sponsored schemes, State Governments are sending proposals to the Central Silk Board for financial assistance. Proposals are put through the process of sanction and approval and are being supported by release of central share as per procedure. Technical advice and consultancy is being given by Central Silk Board wherever necessary.