

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have decided to increase the import duty on silk from 30 per cent to 44.04 per cent and is willing to provide 50 per cent of the minimum support price;
- (b) the extent to which it has helped domestic silk growers;
- (c) the total production of silk in the country and the share of Karnataka out of this; and
- (d) the scheme prepared by the Karnataka Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL))

(a) & (b) An increase in Import Duty has been recommended to the Ministry of Finance. This is also seen as a necessary pre-condition for Price Stabilization of the domestic market. No minimum support price has been fixed. However, a market intervention scheme to give price incentive to mulberry silk farmers has been proposed by the State Government of Karnataka in which central share is 50%. The scheme will provide Rs. 10/per kg. of cocoons to farmers as price incentive till prices reach Rs. 110/kg. or a period of 3 months whichever is earlier.

(c) The table below indicates the total production of raw silk in the country as also in Karnataka during the last three years:-

Year	Production of Silk (MT)				% of share	
	in the Country		Karnataka of Karnataka		Mulberry (Mulberry)	
	Mulberry	Tasar	Eri	Muga	Total	Mulberry

1999-2000	13944	211	974	85	15214	8121	58.2
2000-2001	14432	237	1089	99	15857	8200	56.8
2001-2002	15842	249	1160	100	17351	8728	55.1

(d) The Govt. of Karnataka in collaboration with Central Silk Board is implementing the following project/schemes in the State for expanding the production of silk:

- 1) Project for strengthening Extension System for Bivoltine Sericulture with JICA technical cooperation.
- 2) Catalytic Development Programme