

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7354
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2000
DEVELOPMENT OF MULBERRY PLANTATION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are taking any steps to develop mulberry plantations in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details of various schemes and projects through which the Mulberry Cultivation in these States could be improved and the funds allocated for these schemes/projects;
- (c) whether the Central Silk Board have any plans to train the people in the field of silk technology and silk thread production from cocoons; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons got trained through those schemes, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, Govt. is taking steps for the development of mulberry plantation in Tamil Nadu & Karnataka through various schemes of the Central Silk Board by efforts at research & development into higher yielding varieties for both irrigated & rainfed areas, training for transfer of technology, technical assistance, etc. In addition, under its Catalytic Development Programme, the Central Silk Board (CSB) is implementing the following two schemes in the States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu for improving the mulberry cultivation in these States:

(i) Creation of improved Mulberry variety banks in the States

This scheme envisages that all States will be assisted by CSB to build up banks of high yielding varieties of Mulberry covering all the States including the States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The scheme enables organised transfer of high yielding Mulberry varieties developed by CSB research institutes to the field to increase the productivity. CSB provides on its own cost food plant materials of the chosen variety. The overall CSB's outlay for IX Plan under the scheme is Rs. 22.50 lakh for Karnataka and Rs. 11.25 lakh for Tamil Nadu.

(ii) Promotion of resource conservation technologies through drip irrigation:

This scheme envisages covering of 1466 H.A and 510 H.A. of Mulberry plantation under drip irrigation system in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu respectively during the IX Plan. CSB's outlay for IX Plan under the scheme is Rs. 329.85 lakh for Karnataka and Rs. 114.75 lakh for Tamil Nadu.

(c) & (d) CSB imparts training in the aspects of post cocoon reeling and processing through various courses run in its institutions, namely Central Sericultural Research and Training Institute (CSR & TI), Berhampore, Central Silk Technological Research Institute (CSTRI), Mysore and Central Tassar Research & Training Institute (CTR & TI), Ranchi. The number of persons trained institute-wise during 1999-2000 is at Annex I. Besides the above, CSB also conducts Technology Upgradation Programme in Post-cocoon sector under the Enterprise Development Programme. During 1999-2000, five such programmes have been conducted in different States and around 423 persons have participated in the programme. The State-wise details are as under:

State No. of Programmes conducted during 1999-2000 No. of persons participated during 1999-2000

West Bengal	1	114
Meghalaya	1	112
Madhya Pradesh	1	67
Maharashtra	1	60
Karnataka	1	70

ANNEX

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (c) & (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 7354 for 12.5.2000

S.No	Name of the Institute	Name of the scheduled course	Duration in days	West Bengal	Kerala	Bihar	Karnataka	Madhya Pradesh	Tamil Nadu	NGO/ Pvt.	Total
A. MULBERRY											
1.	CSR&TI, Berhampore	Reeling & Spinning	14	3							3
2.	CSTRI, Bangalore	Short Term Course in Post cocoon Technology	90			6	3				9
3.	- do -	Silk Reeling Technology	30	1	7	8	2				18
4.	- do -	Silk Dyeing & Printing	21			10					10
5.	- do -	Raw Silk Throwing & Weaving	30	3	1	1		11			16
6.	- do -	Machinery Maintenance	6	2		2		4			
7.	- do -	Raw Silk Testing & Grading	14	5	7	2	5				19
B. NON-MULBERRY											
1.	CTR&TI, Ranchi	Reeling & Spinning	6					10			10
Grand Total											
				3	10	2	21	6	8	38	89