

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CONTRACT FARMING FOR POPULAR VARIETIES OF SILK
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Silk Board proposes to start contract farming to encourage the popular varieties of silk on the lines of multinational companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the States in which the contract farming of silk is being undertaken;
- (c) whether the silk producers have opposed contract farming of silk; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a): Central Silk Board has no commercial operations but it would encourage strengthening of linkages between producers and the industry in line with the National Textile Policy 2000, and in this regard, facilitate corporates or large reelers in contract farming so as to help farmers to get remunerative and stable prices.
- (b): So far, no large units have entered into any contract farming arrangements with farmers.
- (c) & (d): No case of protests from any manufacturer has come to the notice. Farmers may, however, be apprehensive as to the implications of contract farming. Extension, facilitation and advice is being provided to State Governments so as to examine and elucidate the manner in which linkages between producers and the industry can be advantageously established for both.