

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY FOR SERICULTURE
NAGMANI

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government have received any requests from the State Governments, particularly from Bihar regarding enhancement of subsidy for sericulture;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and
- (c) the steps taken to promote silk export?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

- (a) No Sir, none of the States including Bihar have requested for enhancement of subsidy for sericulture.
- (b) Does not arise

(c) In order to increase the exports of silk products, the Government is facilitating the Indian Silk Export Promotion Council, Mumbai for undertaking various export promotion activities such as participation in international fairs; organizing generic promotion stalls in domestic fairs; publicity in foreign trade magazines; publication of magazine and colour forecast card for benefit of domestic silk manufacturers; dissemination of overseas trade information among exporters, etc.

Besides, the Government has taken several measures to boost silk exports such as rationalization of value addition/Input-output norms; the facility of duty free import of raw material under the Advance Licensing Scheme; import of capital goods at concessional rate of duty for export products; etc. Besides, technological upgradation of silk units, including units engaged in export, may avail of loan at 5% point less than applicable rate under the Technological Upgradation Fund Scheme for the Textile Sector.