

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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CLOSING OF KOSA SEEDS PRODUCTION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kosa (Tasar) seeds production project run by the Central Silk Board located in Chandrapur district headquarters of Maharashtra is on the verge of closure;
- (b) if so, whether any effort is being made to ensure employment to the employees and workers working in the said project;
- (c) whether silk worms are dying due to air pollution from Wakoli (W.C.L.) and other factories; and
- (d) if so, the action taken or likely to be taken by the Government to save the above project from the air pollution?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Central Silk Board (CSB) has established two tasar Basic Seed Multiplication Cum Training Centres (BSMTC) in Chandrapur and Bhandara of Maharashtra state. The BSMTC in Chandrapur is not performing well as due to pollution caused by the coal mines and paper mills located in the vicinity of this centre there is increase in the tasar silkworm mortality. Therefore, Central Silk Board has decided to shift basic seed production activities from Chandrapur to BSMTC Bhandara.
- (b) The employees and workers working in the BSMTC, Chandrapur are being redeployed in the nearby units of Central Silk Board.
- (c) & (d) Pollution caused due to coal mines and paper factories in the vicinity of BSMTC Chandrapur has increased the tasar silkworm mortality. Therefore, Central Silk Board would concentrate its basic seed production activities in Bhandara.