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CENTRAL SILK BOARD
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Silk Board is implementing several Central and Centrally sponsored schemes in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details of main activities of Central Silk Board in the State;
- (c) the details of various sericulture Schemes and projects launched by the Central Silk Board (CSB) in Tamil Nadu during the last three years; and
- (d) The employment generated in Tamil Nadu after inception of various schemes of Central Silk Board?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main activities of Central Silk Board (CSB) in the state of Tamil Nadu are:

- The CSB has established a Regional Sericulture Research Station in Salem. This unit alongwith the network of Research Extension Centres provides required research, training and extension support for the development of sericulture in the state;
- The Basic Seed Farms and Silkworm Seed Production Centres of CSB functioning in Krishnagiri, Yalagiri Hills, Dharmapuri and Tirupattur alongwith a network of sericulture service centres produce and supply quality basic and commercial silkworm seed to the farmers in Tamil Nadu in coordination with the state government of Tamil Nadu;
- In order to provide support to the silk industry sector, the CSB has established Silk Conditioning and Testing Centre at Kancheepuram and Demonstration-Cum-Technical Service Centre at Dharmapuri;
- The Regional Development Office of the CSB functioning in Chennai coordinates the development of sericulture activities with the state government; and
- The Central Sericultural Germ Plasm Resource Centre of CSB functioning in Hosur explores, collects and introduces mulberry and germ plasm and supplies sericulture germ plasm to the needy organizations.

(c) The following sericulture schemes and projects have been launched by the CSB in Tamil Nadu during the last three years:

- Catalytic Development Scheme: The CSB is implementing the Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) during the X Plan period in collaboration with different state governments including Tamil Nadu. Under the CDP a provision of Rs181.00 crores has been made during X Plan for providing assistance to sericulture farmers/reelers in the country including Tamil Nadu in form of subsidy/incentive to encourage them to adopt improved technology aiming towards improvement in quality and productivity. The support is provided mainly towards development of improved mulberry plantation, drip irrigation, construction of rearing houses and chawki rearing building, incentives for procuring disinfectants and improved rearing appliances, support for producing quality bivoltine cocoons, procurement of improved reeling-cum-twisting devices, spinning wheel to produce quality yarn etc. The CSB has released an amount of Rs 381.23 lakhs to Tamil Nadu during last three years (2002-03 to 2004-05) under the CDP schemes.

- Bivoltine Sericulture Technology Development Project with the assistance of Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA): The CSB is implementing this project in the states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu to promote development of bivoltine silk of international quality. The third phase of the project is presently under implementation during the X Plan (2002 – 2007). The third phase of the project focuses on strengthening the extension system for bivoltine sericulture. The following units of the Department of Sericulture, government of Tamil Nadu have been strengthened under this project:

- > Basic Seed Farm, Avalapalli;
- > Grainage, Coimbatore;
- > Sericulture Training School, Hosur; and
- > Technical Service Centres at Hosur, Krishnagiri, Padireddypathy and Sathyamanagala.

(d) Majority of the CSB's schemes/project are implemented through the concerned state sericulture departments to supplement their efforts in the development of sericulture. The table below indicates the improvement in the sericulture industry in the state of Tamil Nadu during the year 2004-05 as compared to the previous year.

Details	2004-05	2003-04	% increase
Mulberry area (ha)	5073	4025	26.04
Raw silk production (MT)	443	285	55.44
Employment (no. of persons) #	1,62,894	1,29,243	26.04

@13 persons per acre.