

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN SELF HELP GROUP IN SILK SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to involve Women Self Help Groups in the production and marketing of silk and silk products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any feasibility study has been conducted by the Government in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide technology to said groups in order to promote the production and marketing of silk and silk products in the country particularly in the rural and remote areas; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated and released for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Government through Central Silk Board is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. "Catalytic Development Programme (CDP)" in collaboration with all State Sericulture Departments. Under the scheme, guidelines have already been issued to States to involve reputed NGOs, Voluntary Service Organisations, Self Help Groups, Village Panchayats in identification of stakeholders. In respect of Vanya sector components, it is proposed to take-up the schemes through selected groups such as Vana Samrakshana Samithis, Forest Management Groups, Self Help Groups, Women Groups, Rearers' Groups in selected Clusters in the Project-mode. Further, women sericulturists are being organized into SHGs under the special SGSY Project for the development of Sericulture in different States.

(c): No Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) & (f): Sericulture Cluster Development Projects are being implemented by CSB and State Governments for the intensive development of Sericulture in selected Clusters by utilizing the funds available under CDP. Under these projects preference is given to Women Self Help Groups for the cocoon and silk production. The main objective of the Cluster Development Project is to transfer the improved Technology developed by the Research Institutes to the stake-holders of silk industry, including women beneficiaries to improve the quality & productivity of silk.

The following Table gives the list of State-wise Clusters developed, physical achievements made, total approved Outlay and CSB's share of expenditure during the X Plan.

Physical Achievements Financial Allocation &
Expenditure
(Rs. in Lakhs)

# States	Number of Clusters developed	Number of beneficiaries covered	No. of Plantations (in Acres)	Development of Funds released	Total Outlay	CSB's Share of Funds
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1 Kerala	3	480	406.8	305.00	37.32	
2 Bihar	3	497	247.5	293.05	60.66	
3 Himachal Pradesh	2	104	113.0	116.76	23.23	
4 Mizoram	2	200	200.0	358.64	92.40	
5 Assam	2	200	300.0	203.65	108.78	

6 West Bengal	2	75	38.0	265.87	9.63
7 Sikkim	1	200	25.0	427.93	21.49
Total	15	1,756	1,330.3	1,970.90	353.51