

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT IN SILK INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of employment status in various sericulture activities, State-wise;
- (b) if so, the details of women population engaged in such activities thereof; and
- (c) the welfare measures that the Government has taken for such persons during each of the last three years, Statewise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAAGA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The State-wise employment status in various sericulture activities, including women population engaged in such activities, during the year 2008-09 is as follows:

(No. in lakh)

Sr.	REARING REELING WEAVING TOTAL											
No. States	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
1.Karnataka	3.91	5.86	9.77	0.24	0.45	0.69	1.24	1.86	3.10	5.39	8.17	13.56
2.Andhra Pradesh	2.36	3.55	5.91	0.15	0.27	0.42	0.75	1.13	1.88	3.26	4.95	8.21
3.Tamil Nadu	1.35	2.02	3.37	0.08	0.15	0.23	0.43	0.64	1.07	1.86	2.81	4.67
4.West Bengal	1.43	2.15	3.58	0.09	0.16	0.25	0.46	0.68	1.14	1.98	2.99	4.97
5.J & K	0.91	1.37	2.28	0.06	0.10	0.16	0.29	0.44	0.73	1.26	1.91	3.17
6.Others	8.21	12.33	20.54	0.51	0.94	1.45	2.61	3.92	6.53	11.33	17.19	28.52
Total	18.17	27.28	45.45	1.13	2.07	3.20	5.78	8.67	14.45	25.08	38.02	63.10

Source: DOSs of States.

(c): The Government has taken the following welfare measures for the benefit of the stake holders of silk industry:

Health Insurance for Women Workers – The Scheme aims at financially enabling the women workers in the silk industry to access the best of health facilities in the country. The scheme is being implemented through ICICI Lombard. The scheme involves a premium of Rs.767.28 per year per person, which provides a health coverage to the tune of Rs.15,000 per year. The benefit of the scheme is applicable to the Women workers and their family (1+3). The cost of the premium is shared between Central Silk Board, State Government and Beneficiaries in the ratio of 75:15:10. As against the target to cover 31,000 women beneficiaries under the scheme during XI Plan, 1,41,840 women beneficiaries have already been covered in 11 States with the CSB's share of 8.94 crores during the last 2 years (2008-09 and 2009-10).

State-wise details of physical and financial progress of this scheme for the last 3 years are given below:

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
# Scheme/ States	Phys- cial	Fina- ncial	Phys- cial
1 Karnataka	10000	64.25	20000
2 Tamil Nadu	1370	8.8	4000
3 Andhra Pradesh	4760	29.9	0.00
4 J&K	2500	16.06	2500
5 Assam	3000	19.27	0.00

6	Jharkhand	1410	9.06	50000	314.08
7	West Bengal	3000	19.27	30000	188.45
8	Himachal Pradesh	1200	7.54		
9	Tripura	1400	8.79		
10	Nagaland	700	4.40		
11	Orissa	6000	37.69		
	Total	26040	166.61	115800	727.40

\$ implementation of the Scheme commenced in 2008-09.

Creating Toilets, Rest Rooms and CrÃche facilities for women in Cocoon Markets: In order to encourage the participation of women in cocoon markets, a provision has been made during XI Five Year Plan to create separate toilets and rest rooms exclusively for women in cocoon markets and provide crÃche facilities for their kids to enable them to freely participate in the cocoon transactions. Statewise details for the last 3 years are as follows:

	(fin. in Lakh Rs.)			
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	
# Scheme/ States	Phys- cial	Fina- ncial	Phys- ncial	Fina- ncial

1	Tamilandu	4	7.5
2	Karnataka	8	15.00