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BHAGALPURI SILK
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any special scheme for promoting Bhagalpuri Silk;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government is also taking initiatives to showcase the Bhagalpuri silk at various fairs and exhibitions; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Tasar silk is mainly produced and transacted in Bhagalpur region. The Government of India through the Central Silk Board has established following units in Bhagalpur for providing support for the development of silk in the region:-

- (i) Raw material bank Sub Depot - to provide market support for the tasar cocoon producers.
- (ii) Textile Testing Laboratory to provide quality testing service to the local silk manufacturers.
- (iii) Basic Seed Multiplication-cum-Training Centre to produce and supply quality tasar seed to the tasar cocoon producers in the region.
- (iv) Certification Centre to undertake voluntary quality certification of silk goods meant for exports. This centre is also promoting silk mark which is a quality assurance label for pure silk.

CSB is presently implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. "Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) with the assistance of State Governments, covering all the States including Bihar. Under this CDP, an amount of Rs 43.90 lakhs and Rs 171.35 lakhs has been released to Govt. of Bihar for the development of silk industry in Bihar including Bhagalpur during the year 2008-09 and 2009-10 respectively. Under these schemes, 4 Master weavers / Dyers have been sent to Bhagalpur to provide on the spot training to the local weavers / dyers. 34 certified improved handlooms have been supplied to local weavers in Bhagalpur. 5 existing looms have been upgraded with accessories for improving the production.

The Vanya Silk Market Promotion Cell and Silk Mark Organization of India sponsored by the Central Silk Board are regularly organizing silk expos at all the major metro cities, wherein all types of silk and silk products are being displayed by the silk traders from all parts of India including Bhagalpur. During the year 2009-10, 16 such Silk Expos were organized in the metro cities and during 2010-11 it is planned to organize 17 Expos. Silk Manufacturers from Bhagalpur are participating in these expos regularly.