

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF SERICULTURE
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to extend the Sericulture Catalytic Development Programme during the current plan;
- (b) if so, the targets set and achievements made under the scheme, State-wise during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has carried out any appraisal of the programme; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. Government of India through Central Silk Board (CSB) has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz "Catalytic Development Programme (CDP)" in collaboration with various state sericulture departments. The CDP which was initiated during the IX Plan was continued during the X Plan and is continued during the XI Plan with certain modification and additional inputs.

(b): State-wise targets and achievements made under CDP during the last three years (2007-08 to 2009-10) are furnished in Annexure.

(c) & (d): On the directions of the Government of India, CSB had entrusted a Study to M/s TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute) to conduct an evaluation on CDP, to assess the performance of various schemes/components implemented under the CDP during X Plan. M/s.TERI had undertaken extensive study in all the 23 states and had interacted with the sericulture farmers, reelers, officials of State and CSB units. As per their Report, the CDP schemes implemented by CSB have made a positive impact not only in terms of increased quantity of cocoons but also showed an improvement in the quality of the cocoons, both under mulberry and Vanya sectors. The report also indicated the improvement in the financial and social conditions of the sericulture farmers, reelers etc. Based on the Report, the CDP is continued with certain modifications and additional inputs. During XI Plan, CDP schemes were sanctioned only during the end of 2007-08 and the funds were released to the State Governments during the last week of March, 2008. CSB has also conducted Mid-Term Appraisal of CDP and suggested certain mid course corrections to the existing CDP schemes based on the feed back received from the Field Implementing Agencies. Mid-term evaluation of CDP schemes has been entrusted to an external Agency, the National Productivity Council (NPC).