

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF SILK
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Silk Board is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Catalytic Development Programme (CDP)` with the assistance of State Governments for the development of silk industry;
- (b) if so, the details of assistance made available of various States in the country for the last two years and the current year, State and year-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to initiate any action for promotion of World famous `Bhagalpur Silk` in the country in view of the pathetic condition of textile workers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b) : State-wise and year-wise details of Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) funds released/spent during the last two years (2008-09, 2009-10) & during the current year 2010-11 are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d) : CSB has initiated action for the promotion of Vanya silks, which includes Bhagalpuri Silk also. In the Silk Expos organized by CSB through Silk Mark Organization of India (SMOI), Vanya Silk traders/manufacturers are encouraged to participate and generally at least 30-35% expos stalls are allocated to Vanya silk traders & manufacturers. During the current year i.e. 2010-11 as many as 16 Silk Expos are tentatively planned including three in Eastern India (Guwahati, Kolkatta & Bhubaneswar). As a part of Vanya Silks the Bhagalpur Silk will also be displayed in these expos.

Central Silk Board is also implementing the following specific schemes under Catalytic Development Programme for the benefit of Silk weavers:

1. Support for establishing shuttle-less looms,
2. Upgradation of existing handlooms through incorporation of jacquards,
3. Support for Computer aided Textiles Designing (CATD), etc.

These are open schemes with all India coverage including the weavers of Bhagalpur region. The Government of India is supporting all these schemes upto 50% and the balance 50% of the unit cost is to be shared equally among the concerned State Govt. and the stakeholder.