

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTRES TO PROMOTE SERICULTURE

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Central Silk Board has set up research extension centres to provide assistance to the farmers engaged in sericulture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of financial assistance and other facilities provided to the farmers to promote sericulture during each of the last three years and current year, State/UTwise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Central Silk Board has established 81 Research Extension Centers (RECs) including 19 sub-units of RECs in different parts of the country for extending research and development support to the farmers engaged in sericulture activities mainly to propagate the new technologies. Details of RECs (state-wise) indicating the number of units and its location of establishment have been furnished in Annexure-I.

(c): In order to promote sericulture in the country, Government of India through Central Silk Board (CSB) is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz "Catalytic Development Programme" (CDP) in collaboration with state sericulture departments in different States. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to the stakeholders of silk industry in the country through the respective State Governments.

Year-wise details of assistance made available to States under CDP in the country during the last three years (2007-08 to 2009-10) and current year 2010-11 are furnished in Annexure-II