

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF SILK

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of production of silk and silk yarn in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the export of silk and its products during the said period, country-wise and foreign exchange earned therefrom alongwith the names of exporting countries;
- (c) the details of the schemes implemented by the Government for production of silk in the country and funds allocated and released thereunder during the said period, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase silk production including encouragement to farmers in sericulture, improve its quality and boost its export?

Answer

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

(a): Raw Silk production in the country during the last three years (2007-08 to 2009-10) and for the current year 2010-11(April to December) is given below:

Raw silk Production in the country

Year	Mulberry	Vanya#	Total
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2007-08	16245	2075	18320
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2008-09	15610	2760	18370
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2009-10	16322	3368	19690
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2010-11 (Apr.-Dec.)	11677	1997	13674
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(Provisonal) # includes tasar, eri & muga

State-wise raw-silk production for the years 2007-08 to 2010-11 (April to December) is furnished in Annexure-I.

(b): Export earnings from Silk-Goods for the last three years and for the current year 2010-11 (April to September period) is given below.

#	Item of	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
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Exports

	Crore Rs	Mn. US\$ Rs	Crore Rs	Mn. US\$ Rs	Crore Rs	Mn. US\$ Rs	Crore Rs	Mn. US\$ Rs
1 Natural Silk Yarn, Fabrics, Made ups	1897.06	471.09	2127.72	462.65	1971.98	415.59	663.40	144.06
2 Readymade Garments	746.55	185.39	986.57	214.52	854.95	180.18	567.30	123.19
3 Silk Carpets	72.11	17.91	58.67	12.76	40.59	8.55	4.32	0.94
4 Silk waste	12.15	3.02	5.23	1.14	24.92	5.25	20.66	4.49
Total	2727.87	677.40	3178.19	691.06	2892.44	609.58	1255.68	272.68

Provisional data for the period April to September. Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata.

Country-wise foreign exchange earnings from silk-goods exports for the years 2007-08 to 2010-11 (April to September period) is enclosed as Annexure-II.

(c): In order to promote sericulture in the country, the 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 all States. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to the stakeholders of silk industry in the country through the respective State Governments. CDP envisages development and expansion of host plant, development of farm and post cocoon infrastructure, up-gradation of reeling and processing technologies in silk.

The State-wise and 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-III.

(d): Government of India has taken steps to enhance the R&D efforts and extension activities to improve productivity and quality of silk in India and increase total production of silk in the country. Steps have also been taken to improve the reeling/ weaving sector through introduction of improved technology and assistance to reelers and weavers.

As a result of the interventions of Govt. of India the silk production in the country has increased from 17,351 M.tonnes during 2001-02 to 19,690 M.tonnes during 2009-10. The silk productivity in terms of raw silk production per hectare has also increased from 68.26 Kgs/Ha. during 2001-02 to 88.82 Kgs/Ha. during 2009-10.