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BHAGALPUR SILK INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the continuous decline in the 'Bhagalpur Silk' in the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has chalked out any scheme for providing various facilities including power supply, uninterrupted supply of raw material, financial assistance etc. to the Silk Industry for its promotion; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including action taken thereon, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Bhagalpur is famous worldwide for its distinct type of Tasar silk production. Tasar silk production in the country during the XI Plan period is actually showing an increasing trend, year by year during the last four years and the tasar silk (also known as Bhagalpur silk) production in Bihar state has also increased over the last 4 years, as may be seen from the following Table:

(silk production in MTs)

Years(XI Plan)	Tasar Silk production in the Country	Tasar Silk production in Bihar
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2007-08	428.42	13.85
2008-09	603.01	16.00
2009-10	803.00	27.00
2010-11#	1,166.00	30.00

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(c) & (d): Efforts made by the Government of India through Central Silk Board (CSB), for the development of silk industry is given below:

1. The Central Silk Board has established the 3 Units especially in Bhagalpur for the development of tasar silk industry:-

- (i) Basic Seed Multiplication and Training Centre (BSM&TC) for production and supply of superior Quality basic tasar seeds to the state government units, for further multiplication and supply of silkworm seeds to the tasar rearers
- (ii) Demonstration-Cum-Technical Service Centre (DCTSC) for demonstration of improved Technologies to reelers and weavers and to provide required training to the beneficiaries.
- (iii) Sub-Unit of Tasar Raw Material Bank (TRMB) for providing local market support for the producers of tasar cocoons, by providing a remunerative price for their produce.

2. Implementation of Centrally sponsored Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) in coordination with the Govt. of Bihar, to provide support for Development of Host Plantation, Construction of Rearing houses/CRCs/Cocoon storage houses, Assistance to Tasar Seed production, support for state Dept. for strengthening of Eri Farm-cum-Grainages, rearing appliances, Establishment of improved cottage basin reeling units, support for hot air driers etc. Under Women Development component of CDP, women stakeholders of the silk industry have been provided with Health Insurance benefits.

3. CSB is also organizing National level Silk Expos through Silk Mark Organisation of India (SMOI), wherein the manufacturers and traders dealing with Bhagalpuri Tasar Silk are encouraged to participate and display their new products.

4. Under the post-cocoon sector, 385 spinning machines, 360 reeling-cum-twisting machines for tasar yarn production, 170 improved handlooms, 10 looms with improved jacquards, one CATD (Computer Aided Textile Design) unit and 3 hot-air dryers have been supplied to silk clusters of Bihar, including Bhagalpur.

5. Central Silk Board provides facilities for quality inspection of silk goods meant for exports from Bhagalpur cluster through Silk Testing unit, catering exclusively to Bhagalpur silk traders and exporters.

State-wise details of financial assistance provided by Government of India through CSB during the last 4 years of XI Plan period (2007-08 to 2010-11) under centrally sponsored Catalytic Development Programme (CDP), for implementation of various components are furnished in the following Table:

List of States Financial assistance # List of States Financial assistance
(Rs. In Lakhs) (Rs. In Lakhs)

1 Karnataka	11,004.62	14 Orissa	1,439.68
2 Andhra Pradesh	5,041.47	15 Jharkhand	3,779.30
3 Tamilnadu	4,865.65	16 Bihar	611.32
4 West Bengal	2,025.19	17 Haryana	30.70
5 Jammu & Kashmir	3,285.13	18 Gujarat	32.57
6 Maharashtra	1,044.08	19 Assam/BTC	7,140.36
7 Uttar Pradesh	2,348.34	20 Arunachal Pradesh	864.47
8 Kerala	445.39	21 Manipur	1,494.71
9 Uttarakhand	1,724.29	22 Meghalaya	1,197.46
10 Himachal Pradesh	664.38	23 Mizoram	1,533.34
11 Punjab	69.17	24 Nagaland	1,269.30
12 Chhattisgarh	1,414.68	25 Sikkim	288.89
13 Madhya Pradesh	2,388.46	26 Tripura	1,648.27
T O T A L	57,651.22		