

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SERICULTURE INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the sericulture farmers are committing suicide due to decline in prices of cocoons particularly in Karnataka during the last three years;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any survey to find out the reasons for the same alongwith the measures taken by the Government to encourage sericulture farmers;
- (c) the details of production/consumption and export of silk in the country during the last three years and the current year and the steps taken by the Central Silk Board to expand the ongoing schemes in order to enhance the production and export of silk; and
- (d) the fund allocated for development of sericulture in the country including Karnataka during the last three years?

Answer

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

(a): No such incident has come to notice.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The silk industry in India is showing a steady increase in the production of Raw Silk in the country. Total Raw silk production in India during the last 3 years (2008-09 to 2010-11) is furnished below:

Year Raw Silk production (in M.Ts) Consumption (in M.Ts)

2008-09 18,370 27,400

2009-10 19,690 28,300

2010-11 20,410 29,300

2011-12 23,230 (anticipated) 30,250 (anticipated)
 10,062 (actual till
 September, 2011)

Export earnings from Silk-Goods for the last three years (2008-09 to 2010-11) and for current year 2011-12 (till August, 2011) is given below:-

#	Item	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12#				
	of Export	Crore Rs.	Mn. US\$	Crore Rs.	Mn.US\$	Crore Rs.	Mn.US\$	Crore Rs.	Mn.US\$

1. Natural Silk Yarn, Fabrics, Made ups	2127.72	462.65	1971.98	415.59	2123.21	466.03	379.33	84.75
2. Readymade Garments	986.57	214.52	854.95	180.18	683.31	149.98	569.27	127.18
3. Silk Carpets	58.67	12.76	40.59	8.55	21.10	4.63	3.40	0.76
4. Silk Waste	5.23	1.14	24.92	5.25	36.14	7.93	9.98	2.23
Total	3178.19	691.06	2892.44	609.57	2863.76	628.57	961.98	214.92

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata # Provisional # Till August, 2011

Steps taken by Central Silk Board (CSB) to enhance the silk production:-

In order to increase the production of silk in the country, the Central Silk Board/MoT is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz "Catalytic Development Programme" (CDP) in collaboration with sericulture departments in all the States, during the XI Plan. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to the stakeholders of silk industry in the country through the respective State Governments. The components under CDP envisaged development and expansion of host plant, development of farm and post cocoon infrastructure, up-gradation of reeling and processing technologies in silk, Enterprise Development Programme, support for extension and publicity etc. The components under CDP are beneficial for both existing and new farmers for practicing sericulture.

The following measures have been taken to increase the silk production in the country and to make it competitive with the global markets:

Strengthening the Research & Development systems to improve the levels of cocoon production and productivity.

Evolving new Bivoltine Breeds with assistance from the Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) through R&D institutes. Commercial Exploitation of these breeds has resulted in the production of International Standard Import Substitute grade of mulberry raw silk in the country.

Development of new varieties of mulberry plants with higher yields resulting in significant improvement in silk productivity.

Implementing Silkworm Seed Act to bring quality standards in silkworm seed production to improve the productivity and quality of silk.

Encouraging production of value added mulberry and Vanya Silk products with internationally acceptable design input with the help of well known designers and popularization of the same through exhibitions both at domestic and international levels.

Launching of "Silk Mark" scheme which is a "Hall-Mark" for the products made from pure natural Silk and it guarantees the purity of silk products. It also plays an important role in brand promotion of Indian Silk in domestic and Export markets.

Establishment of Automatic Reeling Units in AP, TN & Karnataka:

6 Automatic Reeling Machines (ARM) have already been established during tenth and XI Plan, two the state of Karnataka- at Ramanagaram & Channapatna, two in Andhra Pradesh –at Janagaon & Hindupur and two in Tamilnadu at Gobichettipalayam & Tiruppur. During the remaining period of XI Plan, one more ARM Unit is to be established in Tamil Nadu at Edappadi in Salem district.

Establishment of Certified Multi-end Reeling Units:

203 multi end reeling units (186 units of 10 basins and 17 units of 20 basins) have been sanctioned and CSB's share of subsidy has

been released for its establishment.

Support for certified Handlooms and looms up-gradation: Based on the proposals received from the State Governments, the Board has sanctioned 4,513 Certified Handlooms and 9,523 loom up-gradation. CSB's share of subsidy have also been released.

Establishment of Eri Spun Silk Mills: Three Eri Spun Silk Mills have been established at Hindupur (in AP), Kokrajhar & Guwahati (in Assam). These Units have started commercial production. One more unit is to be set up at Raipur in Chhattisgarh state.

(d): The fund allocated under CDP for development of sericulture in the country including Karnataka during the last three years are as under:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
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CDP Funds allocated for all State	Allocation for Karnataka	CDP Funds allocated for all States	Allocation for Karnataka	CDP Funds allocated for all states	Allocation for karnataka
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9074.75	1876.63	14406.22	2355.10	26089.20	5757.67
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