

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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TASAR SILK PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of export earnings from tasar silk goods during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the demand for the Indian tasar silk has increased in the foreign markets;
- (c) if so, the percentage increased registered in export earnings during the aforesaid period;
- (d) the amount released/spent by the Government for tasar sector under the Catalytic Development Programme, during the past three years and the current year; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for the development of tasar sector and to increase cultivable area of tasar silk in the country?

Answer

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

(a): Year-wise export earnings from tasar silk goods, which include tasar dress materials, scarves, stoles, raw silk, silk waste and dupion/Spun/Noil yarns, during the last three years (2006-07 to 2008-09) and the current year are given below:-

Year Export earnings (in Lakh Rs.)

2006-07 15,073.83

2007-08 12,690.16

2008-09# 13,907.85

2009-10 Not Available

Provisional

(Source:Foreign Trade of India, Director General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S) Kolkata.)

(b) & (c): Though there was slump in the export earnings in 2007-08 as compared to 2006-07, it has increased in 2008-09. The percentage of increase registered in the export earnings was 15.20% in the year 2006-07 when compared to 2005-06. There was a slump of about -15.8% during the year 2007-08 as compared to 2006-07. Earnings increased provisionally by 21.8% in the year 2008-09 as compared to 2007-08.

(d): Based on the proposals received from the States, the amount released/spent by the Government of India through Central Silk Board for implementation of tasar sector Schemes under the Catalytic Development Programme, during the past three years (2006-07 to 2008-09) and the tentative provision made for the current year (2009-10) are given below:

Year Amount released/spent (in crores of Rs.)

2006-07 4.21

2007-08 3.45

The tentative provision made for the current year (2009-10) is Rs.5.33 crores.

(e): Under the Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) being implemented in the country, the following Packages are being implemented in different States for the development of Tasar Sector

Assistance to Private Tasar Graineurs:

Under the scheme, suitable training is provided for the graineurs regarding processing and production of disease free layings and they are assisted with necessary technical support, construction of Grainage building, insurance & maintenance of building/equipment, purchase of Grainage equipment, consumables, seed cocoons etc.

Assistance to tasar Seed rearers:

The seed rearers are being assisted with the necessary rearing equipments and tools to produce seed cocoons required for grainage operations.

Support to rearers for raising and maintenance of systematic Tasar food plantation:

The scheme envisages assisting the individual tasar rearers, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Women Groups, Vana Samrakshana Samitis (VSS) to raise systematic tasar food plants in private and degraded forestlands. Each beneficiary or Self Help Group is being assisted with supply of seedlings, cost for plantation development, cost of inputs and cost of plantation maintenance. During XI Plan, it is tentatively proposed to increase the additional area under tasar block plantation by 11,500 Hectares in the country.