

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND OF TUSSAR SILK

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the demand of Indian tussar silk has gone up in the global market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith share of India in respect of tussar silk;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to augment tussar silk production and export;
- (d) the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government on the development of the sector during the last three years;
- (e) whether the Government has received any proposal to provide Minimum Support Price for cocoon in Karnataka to protect the cocoon farmers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Tasar silk production in India is increasing consistently over the years indicating good global and domestic demand for Indian Tasar silk. Estimated global production of Tasar silk and share of Tasar silk produced in India during the last 3 years is given below:

Year Global Tasar Production from Indian share
Production (MT) # India (MT) ## (%)

2008-09	28063	603	2.1
2009-10	21166	803	3.8
2010-11	23577	1166	4.9

(c): Government has been implementing various programmes for the development of tasar silk in the country through Central Silk Board (CSB). Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme Catalytic Development Programme (CDP), assistance is being extended for tasar silkworm seed production, systematic plantations, rearing activities, reeling and marketing of products. Central Silk Board is also implementing developmental projects for Tasar culture. Vanya silks, including Tasar silk, are being promoted as "Green Silk" and "Organic Silk", in the domestic as well as export markets.

(d): The expenditure incurred by the Government for the development of tasar sector during the last three years is given below:

Year Amount (Rs. Cr.)

2009-10	10.04
2010-11	23.41
2011-12	24.49

(e) & (f): Govt. of Karnataka has asked for measures to protect mulberry sericulture including a financial support mechanism for the farmers when prices of cocoons fall below costs of production.

In order to protect mulberry sericulture, the Govt. has focused on increasing the productivity of the cocoon and raw silk and thereby make sericulture remunerative. Government has taken steps to strengthen the R&D in sericulture to develop sturdier varieties of host plant and silkworm seeds. CSB is also implementing the Centrally Sponsored "Catalytic Development Programme" (CDP) in collaboration with State Sericulture Departments in a package mode for development of sericulture and silk industry. Under CDP, incentive is also provided for production of quality bivoltine silk yarn. The States have been advised to strengthen the extension support to the farmers for better technology transfer and absorption to improve productivity and quality of silk. Government has also permitted import of modern Automatic Reeling machines and Dupion Reeling machines along with their accessories and packages at concessional duty of customs to bring down cost of production, and make the sericulture and reeling sector competitive, to help the

sericulture farmers and reelers.