

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:571

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OPENING OF SILK EXPORT COUNCIL

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has opened the regional office of Silk Export Council in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up an Institute for Silk and Biomaterial Technology at Kodathi, Bangalore;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has considered the demand of farm workers of Central Silk Board to increase their wages and retirement age; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

(MINISTER OF TEXTILES) (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) & (b): Indian Silk Export Promotion Council has opened its regional office in Delhi for doing liaison work with the various Government departments in Delhi.

(c): There is no proposal to set up a Silk and Biomaterial Technology Institute at Kodathi, Bangalore, by this Ministry.

(d): Question does not arise.

(e) & (f): The demand for enhancement of retirement age of Farm Workers from 55 years to 58 years has been considered by the Ministry subject to fulfillment of certain terms and conditions by the Time Scale Farm Workers and Central Silk Board.

The wage package of Time Scale Farm Workers last revised on 24.06.2008 and further revision of various allowances was carried out on 24.09.2010. The proposal for further revision of the wages of the Time Scale Farm Workers has not been found feasible at this stage.