

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PACKAGE TO SILK FARMERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has created/ proposes to create any revolving fund or provide any special package to the sericulture farmers and silk reelers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the other measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Namo Narain Meena)

(a) to (d): There is no revolving fund created for the sericulture farmers and silk reelers. However, in order to address critical requirements of the sector during XII Plan, Catalytic Development Programme (which is a centrally sponsored programme being implemented through the Central Silk Board), inter alia, includes incentive to farmers to take up quality biovoltine silk production and infrastructure support to farmers and reelers in terms of strengthening facilities for drying and processing of cocoons, reeling equipments and reeling sheds.