

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal to provide support price for cocoon to protect the cocoon farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the Union Government thereon so far?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (c): There were requests from the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Tamilnadu and Andhra Pradesh to provide price support incentives to the sericulture farmers at the time of distress sale of mulberry cocoons in the market. These proposals were examined in the Ministry of Textiles. In view of the small market size, the States were requested to draw a detailed scheme indicating the implementation modalities of operation of the scheme to avoid cartelization of reelers & recycling of the same cocoons and to indicate their commitment to bear some part of the cost. However, no such proposal has been received.