

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the silk is produced at a large scale in the dry humid hilly area of district Banka in Bihar;
- (b) if so, whether any scheme for teaching and training of workers engaged in silk production industry is being implemented as on date, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Union Government proposes to send a central team to gather information in this regard, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Banka silk workers and entrepreneurs are not getting remunerative price for their silk due to lack of market;
- (e) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any steps to ensure remunerative price to these entrepreneurs; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a): Yes, Madam. Tasar Silk is produced in Banka district of Bihar. The production of Tasar silk in Bihar during last three year & current year are 29.37 MT (2011-12), 730 MT (2012-13), 32.00 MT (2013-14) and 32.00 MT (2014-15 upto Dec, 2014).
- (b): The farmers & workers of Tasar sector of Banka area are trained for skill seeding and skill enhancement both in pre-cocoon and post-cocoon spheres under ongoing Central and States schemes through Central Silk Board (CSB).
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d) to (f): Assistance under ongoing schemes like Raw Material Bank of Central Silk Board and the newly sanctioned Handloom Cluster Scheme for Bhagalpur are extended for supporting the silkworm rearers and weavers.