

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF SILK
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of Silk produced in the country during each of the last three years specially from the State of Karnataka district-wise;
- (b) whether it is true that Price fluctuation in the Cocoon is badly affecting silk growers of the state:
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to take steps to ensure price stabilization of cocoon to protect the silk growers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the measures taken by the Government to protect the interest of the silk producers?

Answer

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

(a): The Raw Silk production in the country and Karnataka State during last three years are given below:-

(Qty: in MT)
Raw silk Production in the country and Karnataka State

Year	India	Karnataka
2012-13	23,679	7063
2013-14	26,480	8574
2014-15 (Prov.)	25,787	9645#

(Apr14 to Feb-15)

#Data pertains to April14 -March 2015 Source: State Sericulture Departments

District-wise raw silk production in Karnataka during last three years is given in Annexure-1.

(b): No, Cocoon prices have not significantly fluctuated in the markets during last two years.

(c) & (d): Does not arise.

(e): No specific scheme has been drawn at present for price stabilization of Cocoon. However, in the incidence of price crash beyond threshold level, the State Government has taken measures for protecting the interests of farmers and reelers. In this regard the State Government has established Karnataka Silk Marketing Board (KSMB) with the intention to stabilize the raw silk prices, which in turn affects the cocoon prices.