

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1689

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Silk Industry

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

(a) whether Molakalmuru Sarees of Chitradurga district, Karnataka is world famous for its excellence in traditional silk sarees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the silk industry of Molakalmuru has turned into a worn-out situation and a number of silk artisans are migrating to other cities in search of employment; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to check the exodus of silk artisans and rejuvenate the silk industry of Molakalmuru?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Molakalmuru Sarees are woven on handlooms using silk fibre in traditional designs with contrast colours. The predominant and most popular variety of Molakalmuru Saree showcase abstract temple motifs. This saree is special because the buttas are featured on both sides of the border. Molakalmuru Saree has been registered under the Geographical Indications Act.

(c) & (d): Molakalmuru silk weaving is decreasing on account of many factors, including fluctuation in the price of raw material. The Government of India and State Government are providing following support:-

i) The Government of India is providing 10% subsidy to the eligible agencies on purchase of domestic silk yarn with quantity restriction through National Handloom Development Corporation. Besides, State Government is also providing subsidy of Rs.15/- per Kg. on purchase of yarn.

ii) The Government of India is providing marketing incentive under National Handloom Development Programme.

iii) The Government of India sanctioned Molakalmuru handloom cluster to the State Government in 2007-08 and released an amount of Rs. 18.80 lakh.

iv) The State Government is providing living cum worksheds to houseless weavers and also, providing assistance for purchase of looms.

v) The State Government is providing 20% rebate on sale of handloom products by the Co-operative societies.

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