

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to promote silk industry in the country including Maharashtra and Gujarat; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan/ scheme to promote silk industry in the country including Gujarat and Maharashtra;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): In order to promote sericulture industry in the country, the Government through Central Silk Board (CSB) is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) during the XII Plan period, in collaboration with all the State Sericulture Departments, including Maharashtra. Under the CDP Scheme, financial assistance is given to all the silk producing States to assist stakeholders of silk industry and to silk growing farmers through the respective State Departments of Sericulture. The components under CDP envisaged development and expansion of host plantation, development of farms and post cocoon infrastructure, up-gradation of reeling and processing technologies in silk, Enterprise Development Programme, support for extension and publicity etc. These components of CDP have generated substantial employment under silk sector. As per the requirement of State Governments for sericulture activities and based on the proposals received by the States, financial assistance under CDP Scheme is provided by the Government. The state Government of Gujarat has not sent any proposal under any scheme. Central share of funds released by the Government through CSB to Maharashtra during the last three years (2011-12 to 2013-14) is given below:-

(Rs.in Cr.)

Years	Total financial assistance provided to Maharashtra under CDP
2011-12	6.46
2012-13	6.36
2013-14	12.98

State-wise details of Central share of funds released by CSB to the State Governments during the last three years (2011-12 to 2013-14) are enclosed at Annexure-I.

In order to boost the silk production, action plan has been devised during the XII Plan period viz. Paradigm shift in production strategies for transforming the Indian silk industry from the subsistence level of production to a vibrant competitive commercial production base chain, producing import substitute bivoltine silk of 3A Grade through exclusive bivoltine clusters in thrust areas of potential States, strengthening R&D interventions to improve productivity and quality thereby contributing to vertical expansion, propagation of high yielding Silkworm Breeds in Sub-tropical areas to increase the silk production, developing Rain-fed mulberry areas as a special programme through moisture management, rain water harvesting etc., creation of 500 community based organizations to strengthen the weak extension machinery besides encouraging the group activities, technology dissemination and to work as joint liability groups for credit, adoption of zero based intervention approach to neutralize regional variations, synchronize fragmented production base and effective implementation and monitoring of Government Schemes.

Further, for productivity improvement through maintenance of existing host plants and augmentation of new plantation, funds are dovetailed from Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Border Area Development Plan (BADP) etc.