

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3250
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SILK INDUSTRY

3250. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:
SHRI RAJBAHADUR SINGH:
SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government had conducted any study to understand the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Indian silk industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the key findings of the said study, including those specific to Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any actions thereon to alleviate the conditions of workers employed in the silk industry; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

उत्तर
ANSWER
वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a) & (b): Yes. Central Silk Board has conducted a study using online questionnaire during April-May 2020 to analyze the impact of Corona virus outbreak across the value chain in the silk industry. The responses were received from the farmers, reelers, weavers, traders and exporters from different states such as Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and West Bengal. The total sample size used for the study was 1530 comprising 1043 farmers, 92 reelers, 188 weavers, 188 traders and 19 exporters.

(c) to (e): During the pandemic period, core activities of the silk value chain were continued by the farmers, reelers, weavers, traders and exporters, thus helping in subsequent revival of the sector. Central Silk Board is involved in innovative research in silk sector to address the issues and to develop the new technologies on various activities of silk value chain starting from sericulture farming to silk fabric production.
