

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON- 17/03/2023

SILK IMPORT AND EXPORT

2076. DR. SANTANU SEN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the demand for silk has reduced in domestic market and Government generated lesser revenue in the last five years;
- (b) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor, year-wise;
- (c) the details of the amount of silk imported and exported in last five years, year-wise and country-wise;
- (d) the amount of revenue generated by exporting silk and amount of money spent on importing silk in last five years, year-wise; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken by Government to boost domestic silk production in last five years, year-wise and State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a) & (b): No Sir. The demand of silk had an increasing trend till 2019-20 in domestic market. There was a marginal decline in demand/consumption of silk during the year 2020-21 compared to previous years, which was mainly due to Covid-19 pandemic. However, demand/consumption has started picking-up from the year 2021-22. Consumption of raw silk in the country during last 5 years is given below:

Year	Total consumption (MT)
2017-18	35,618
2018-19	38,253
2019-20	39,135
2020-21	35,574
2021-22	36,881

(c): The country-wise amount of silk & silk goods imported and exported in last five years is given below:

A) Silk Imports:

Country	Value of Silk & silk goods Imports (Rs. In Crore)				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Vietnam	320.3	439.7	546.3	344.9	614.3
China	1,243.8	956.8	906.5	323.4	396.3
Myanmar	0.0	0.1	1.3	26.1	28.3

Brazil	1.4	0.7	3.7	10.7	21.7
Uzbekistan	13.6	1.7	18.1	14.7	17.7
U.A.E.	0.2	0.8	0.9	7.0	15.4
Thailand	12.6	17.0	1.9	0.0	13.6
Italy	9.5	33.9	9.6	3.1	6.1
Singapore	1.3	3.6	7.3	5.1	5.7
U S A	0.9	0.8	2.0	0.6	4.7
France	2.7	10.9	4.3	2.1	4.5
Bangladesh	0.3	3.1	1.8	9.5	3.8
Azerbaijan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2
Spain	3.5	3.9	1.2	1.2	2.3
Switzerland	0.7	2.3	2.0	1.1	1.2
Taiwan	0.8	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.9
Georgia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Hong Kong	1.6	3.1	7.6	1.3	0.5
Indonesia	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4
U K	1.4	3.8	3.8	1.0	0.4
Others	37.6	14.4	14.1	7.3	2.0
Total	1,652.4	1,497.3	1,535.9	759.7	1,143.5

B) Silk Exports:

Country	Value of Silk & silk goods Exports (Rs. In Crore)				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
U.A.E.	376.96	372.76	158.54	192.15	654.63
U.S.A.	218.26	372.66	592.49	488.16	319.39
China	78.56	102.12	88.47	142.85	217.82
U.K.	131.81	107.39	88.42	60.06	84.09
France	57.23	67.24	72.79	44.97	71.93
Australia	45.12	60.56	60.62	49.49	65.33
Italy	53.35	57.78	55.06	37.38	51.79
Germany	63.08	72.25	51.03	43.06	40.84
Nepal	9.99	22.63	18.93	29.36	30.21
Canada	23.15	32.57	19.00	9.44	23.01
Singapore	17.98	22.81	35.27	11.27	19.44
Spain	22.72	20.22	21.92	22.05	18.17
Netherland	18.48	20.45	18.68	13.64	17.89
Malaysia	24	49.87	29.57	30.53	15.71
Nigeria	52.62	96.37	38.53	51.19	15.09
Bangladesh	2.77	6.06	11.24	6.64	14.47
South Africa	6.86	15.9	31.5	5.75	14.41
Japan	18.12	22	19.41	11.76	13.22
Belgium	14.22	13.54	13.33	16.93	12.28
Saudi Arabia	10	34.24	20.25	8.46	9.08
Others	404.2	462.46	300.6	191.46	140.18
Total	1,649.48	2,031.88	1,745.65	1,466.6	1,848.98

(d) The year-wise amount of revenue generated by exporting silk & silk goods and amount of money spent on importing silk & silk goods in last five years are given below:

Year	Revenue generated from silk goods Exports (Rs. in Crores)	Money spent on silk goods imports (Rs. in Crores)
2017-18	1,649.48	1,652.39
2018-19	2,031.88	1,497.38
2019-20	1,745.65	1,535.72
2020-21	1,466.60	759.75
2021-22	1,848.96	1,143.59

e) Government of India through Central Silk Board has taken following steps to boost domestic silk production in last five years:

- i. Implemented a Central Sector Scheme“ Silk Samagra” an Integrated Scheme during 2017-18 to 2020-21 and implementing Silk Samagra-2 scheme from the year 2021-22 to 2025-26 for the overall development of sericulture industry in the country.
- ii. Research & Development to improve the levels of cocoon production and productivity, to develop improved mulberry/host plant varieties, silkworm hybrids and technology packages to boost the silk production in the country.
- iii. For production of 3A-4A grade raw Silk from the bivoltine cocoons, Automatic Reeling Machine (ARM) Units have been established in the country.
- iv. Mobilizing additional support to the States through convergence, by availing the financial support from other schemes being implemented by line Ministries of Govt .of India such as RKVY, MGNREGA etc .This will suffice to reach the target of area expansion and other interventions.
