

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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PROMOTION OF TEXTILE/SILK INDUSTRY

159. SHRI C. VE. SHANMUGAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any guidelines regarding promotion of textile industry, especially, silk industry in the country vis-à-vis. Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that the manufactures involved in production of Kancheepuram Silk Sarees are going through difficult times and badly affected;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of the employment generated from sericulture industry in the country, especially in Tamil Nadu; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to promote this industry which will take care of the livelihood of the manufacturers/artisans?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Government of India is implementing 'Silk Samagra-2' scheme for the promotion of silk industry in the country including Tamil Nadu state, with specific implementation guidelines covering core-activities of CSB such as R&D, Transfer of Technology, Training, Seed production etc., and implementation of beneficiary oriented components through states.

(c) & (d): No such information is available. However, based on the proposals received from Tamil Nadu sericulture department assistance has been provided under beneficiary components of Silk Samagra-2 scheme covering assistance for pre-cocoon, seed and post-cocoon components. The scheme also envisages supporting post yarn components covering silk yarn processing & handloom weavers.

(e): The estimated employment generation from sericulture (farm to fabric production) during 2022-23 in Tamil Nadu was 4.3 Lakh persons and in the country was 92.2 lakh persons.

- (f): Government of India has taken following steps to promote sericulture industry in the country:
- i. Implementing Silk Samagra-2 scheme for the overall development of sericulture industry in the country from the year 2021-22 to 2025-26. Under the scheme, financial assistance is being provided to states based on the state's proposal towards implementation of various beneficiary oriented field level critical interventions, which includes raising of kisan nurseries, silkworm rearing packages (includes assistance for plantation, irrigation, rearing house, rearing equipments & prophylactic measures), establishment of chawki rearing centres in pre-cocoon sector, support & infrastructure oriented interventions for silkworm seed sector, silk reeling, spinning, weaving, processing components meant for post cocoon sector.
 - ii. Strengthening the Research & Development system to improve the levels of cocoon production and productivity to develop improved mulberry/ host plant varieties, silkworm hybrids and technology packages.
 - iii. Cold Storage facilities and grainages have been strengthened to produce, store and supply quality silkworm seed.
 - iv. For production of 3A-4A grade raw Silk from the bivoltine cocoons, Automatic Reeling Machines (ARM)/Units have been established in the country.
 - v. Mobilization of additional funds by states for sericulture development through convergence by availing the schemes such as MGNREGA, RKVY etc., being implemented by various other Ministries of Government.
