

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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SUPPORT TO SILK FARMERS AND WEAVERS

3348. SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which Government is supporting silk farmers and weavers to increase their productivity and improve their livelihood;
- (b) whether any new policies or schemes are being introduced to promote silk exports from India;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of long-term plan of the Ministry to make India a global leader in silk production and export?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a): The Government through implementation of Silk Samagra-2 scheme has extended support for the development of sericulture industry in the country and to increase the productivity & livelihoods of silk farmers and weavers. So far, an assistance of Rs. 1,074.94 crore has been extended to State Governments covering around 78,000 beneficiaries, for implementation of beneficiary oriented critical field level components under the scheme.

Further, under the National Handloom Development Programme and Raw Material Supply Scheme implemented by the Handloom sector, support to handloom workers including silk handloom workers is provided.

(b) & (c): The thrust of the ongoing Silk Samagra-2 scheme is to become Aatmanirbhar in silk sector. The initiatives under Silk Samagra-2 scheme are to enhance international grade bivoltine silk production and boosting of silk exports.

(d): The Government aims to establish India as a global leader in silk production and exports through a multi-pronged strategy focusing on production enhancement, quality improvement, infrastructure development, R&D, and market expansion.
