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RAJYA SABHA
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MODERNIZATION AND UPGRADED TECHNOLOGY IN SERICULTURE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka contributes over 43 per cent of the country's raw silk;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to modernize and upgrade technology in the sericulture sector and the manner in which these efforts have impacted local farmers and artisans;
- (c) the steps taken for the growth and sustainability of sericulture sector including sericulture farmers and artisans in Karnataka;
- (d) the details of steps taken for providing backward and forward linkages in the silk production chain; and
- (e) whether Government has taken measures to enhance the global competitiveness of Silk and Silk products in Karnataka, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a): Karnataka is the largest silk producing state in the country, with production of 12,463 MT raw silk during 2023-24, which accounts to around 32% of country's total raw silk production and around 42% of country's mulberry raw silk production.

(b): The Government through Central Silk Board has been implementing Silk Samagra-2 scheme with an outlay of Rs. 4,679.85 crore for the overall development of sericulture industry in the country from the year 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to States towards implementation of various beneficiary oriented field level critical interventions.

So far, the central assistance of Rs. 1,075.58 crore has been provided to States to cover around 78,000 beneficiaries under Silk Samagra-2 scheme towards implementation of beneficiary-oriented components covering both pre & post cocoon activities/machineries for the growth and sustainability of sericulture sector.

(c): Based on the proposals received from the Karnataka State Sericulture Department, central assistance of Rs. 241.62 crore has been provided to cover around 16,000 beneficiaries during last three years and the current year under Silk Samagra-2 scheme. Around 7,000 persons have been trained by the CSB R&D institutes in Karnataka during the last three years & the current year. Based on the State's proposal for the benefit of silk producers & artisans, support has been provided for establishment of 32 Multi-end Reeling Machines, 42 Automatic Reeling Machines, 40 motorised charka, 2 pupae processing units and for upgradation of 143 cottage basins

(d): The Silk Samagra-2 scheme focuses on integrated production approach by providing required backward & forward linkages in the silk production chain, through provision of R&D & technical support, ensuring availability of planting material & silkworm seed, strengthening of market infrastructure & up-scaling of reeling & processing sector.

(e): The Government, through Central Silk Board has enhanced the global competitiveness of Indian silk & silk products including Karnataka through establishment of 42 Automatic Reeling Machines (ARM) under Silk Samagra-2, generic and brand promotion of silk products in Karnataka and organization of 'Silk Mark Expos'.
