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RAJYA SABHA
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CENTRAL SUPPORT FOR SERICULTURE IN KARNATAKA

2393. SHRI AJAY MAKAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the central assistance provided to Karnataka under the Silk Samagra Scheme and for handloom and powerloom development during each of the last three years;
- (b) share of Karnataka in the national raw-silk production;
- (c) the proposals from Karnataka pending with the Ministry; and
- (d) the steps taken to strengthen the sericulture and handloom sectors in the State?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a): Based on the proposals submitted by the Government of Karnataka, central assistance of ₹349.81 crore has been provided to the Department of Sericulture, Government of Karnataka for implementation of components covering the silk value chain from silk farming to silk reeling. In addition, ₹2.84 crore has been provided to the Department of Handlooms and Textiles, Government of Karnataka for implementation of silk handloom and weaving components under the Silk Samagra-2 scheme during 2021–22 to 2025–26. Further, under the Comprehensive Powerloom Cluster Development Scheme (CPCDS), the Silk Mega Cluster at Mysore was approved in May 2021 with a total project cost of ₹49.19 crore, including a Government of India share of ₹29.51 crore. So far, ₹1.09 crore has been released. Besides, under the National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS), financial assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/workers for raw materials, upgraded looms, workshops, product diversification, design innovation, marketing, concessional loans under Weavers' MUDRA Scheme and social security..

(b): Karnataka accounts for about 34% of the country's total raw silk production and about 45% of the country's total mulberry raw silk production during 2025–26, making it the leading silk-producing State in the country.

(c): As on date, no proposal from the Government of Karnataka is pending.

(d) The Government of India, through the Central Silk Board (CSB), has established the Central Sericulture Research and Training Institute (CSR&TI), Mysuru, along with 2 Regional Sericulture Research Stations (RSRs) and 4 Research Extension Centres (RECs); the National Silkworm Seed Organization (NSSO), Bengaluru, with 5 Basic Seed Farms (BSFs), 7 Silkworm Seed Production Centres (SSPCs) and a cold storage facility; and the Central Silk Technological Research Institute (CSTRI), Bengaluru, supported by 3 Silk Technical Service Centres (STSCs),

to provide research, quality seed, training, technology transfer and technical support for the development of the sericulture sector.

Under Silk Samagra-2, assistance of ₹352.64 crore has been provided during the last five years, benefiting about 28,500 beneficiaries through support for modern reeling, weaving and post-cocoon infrastructure, besides training 12,789 persons under capacity-building programmes. Indian silk products are promoted through Silk Mark Expos and other initiatives of the Silk Mark Organisation of India (SMOI).

For strengthening the handloom sector, during the last three years and the current year, 10 marketing events have been organised, 5 Handloom Producer Companies have been formed, 382 weavers have been assisted under the Weavers' MUDRA Scheme, 51,865 beneficiaries have been covered under social security schemes, and 11.96 lakh kg of yarn has been supplied under the Raw Material Supply Scheme.
