

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1860
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2017

SILK PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of sericulture in the country;
- (b) the rank of India in silk production in the world;
- (c) whether Andhra Pradesh is the second largest producer of silk in the country and contributes nearly 20% of country's total silk production; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which the Government is encouraging Andhra Pradesh to produce and export more silk in order to benefit sericulture farmers?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a): The status of silk production in the country during the last three years (2014-15 to 2016-17) is given in Annexure-I.

(b): India is the second largest producer of Silk in the world, next to China, contributing about 14% of the world's raw silk production.

(c) & (d): Yes. Andhra Pradesh is the 2nd highest producer of silk in the country after Karnataka. Andhra Pradesh contributed around 20% of the country's total silk production during 2016-17. Andhra Pradesh has produced 5,970 MTs of raw silk during 2016-17, against total silk production of 30,348 MT in the country. The steps taken by Government to produce and export more silk in order to encourage sericulture farmers are given in Annexure-II.

Raw Silk Production during 2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17

Particulars		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
A	Mulberry Raw Silk (MT)			
	Bivoltine	3,870	4,613	5,266
	Cross Breed	17,520	15,865	16,007
Sub-Total (A)		21,390	20,478	21,273
B	Vanya Silk (MT)			
	Tasar	2,434	2,819	3,268
	Eri	4,726	5,060	5,637
	Muga	158	166	170
	Sub-Total (B)	7,318	8,045	9,075
Total (A+B)		28,708	28,523	30,348

Source: State Sericulture Departments

Steps taken by Government to produce and export more silk in order to encourage sericulture farmers

In order to promote silk industry and to encourage Sericulture farmers of Andhra Pradesh, during XII Plan period (upto 2014-15), Government of India through Central Silk Board (CSB) had implemented a Centrally Sponsored beneficiary oriented scheme “Catalytic Development Programme” (CDP) in Andhra Pradesh State. The activities supported under CDP are creation of silkworm seed infrastructure, Development of farm and post-cocoon infrastructure, creation of better marketing facilities to ensure remunerative price to primary producers etc. Consequent to closure of CDP with effect from 2015-16, the Government through Central Silk Board has been implementing a restructured Central Sector Scheme viz. “Integrated Scheme for the Development of Silk Industry” for development of Sericulture industry in the country including Andhra Pradesh also, focusing on intervention in critical areas such as Feed, Seed, Breed, Post Cocoon Technology and Capacity Building.

CSB is also associated with Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India in implementation of Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) for development of Tasar silk industry in Andhra Pradesh in coordination with a NGO, namely Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP). Project envisages covering 4250 Beneficiaries in Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, with a total cost of Rs.1046 lakhs covering the 4 Districts of Adilabad, Khammam, Warrangal and East Godavari to develop around 450 Ha. of Block plantation, production of 9.75 lakh commercial seed and 285 lakh tasar cocoons. The project period is for 5 years from 2013-14 till 2017-18. In addition, a Scheme namely “Empowerment of Scheduled Caste families through Sericulture under Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP)” has been implementing by CSB. During 2016-17, a sum of Rs.4.18 crores has been provided to the State of Andhra Pradesh and during the year 2017-18, against total allocation of Rs.3.71 Cr., so far Rs.2.21 Cr. has been released by the Government.

Under the above said CDP/CSS schemes, financial assistance has been provided to the State of Andhra Pradesh for development of Sericulture activities during the last three years (2014-15 to 2016-17). The details are furnished below:-

(Rs. in Crores)		
Funds Released to Andhra Pradesh during the last 3 years		
2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
(under CDP)	(under CSS)	(under CSS)
11.29	4.88	11.72

Further, following steps have been taken to boost export of silk goods:-

- Support for establishment of improved Reeling machines to produce international grade raw silk
- Promote production of Bivoltine silk in the country to produce quality silk
- Quality certification of Seed, Cocoon, Raw silk and finished products to produce export quality silk
- Product development and diversification to promote export for better value realization to reelers, farmers, weavers etc.
