

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*96
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2017

PRODUCTION OF SILK

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

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to encourage the domestic production of silk and reduce the dependence on imported silk;
- (b) the targets fixed and achievements made for production of silk during the last year and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up more cold storage units for the Bivoltine Silkworm Seed in the country, as has been set up in Mysore; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)
MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*96 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2017.

(a): In order to increase the domestic production of silk in the country and to reduce dependence on imported silk, the Government has been making all efforts for increasing the domestic production of import substitute quality Bivoltine silk through the following steps:-

- (i) Research and Development (R&D) has been focused to evolve productive Bivoltine hybrids and package of practices for production of high quality Bivoltine silk in the country. 15 mulberry varieties have been developed as host plant for Bivoltine silkworm hybrid. Further, a number of silkworm hybrids have been developed suitable for different regions and seasons.
- (ii) Under Cluster Development Programme, 172 clusters have been organized across the country with the support of State Governments to augment the production of Bivoltine silk. Against the production target of 5,000 Metric Tons (MTs) of Bivoltine silk in 2016-17, 5,266 MTs of import substitute Bivoltine silk has been produced.
- (iii) To reduce dependence on imported silk, high grade raw Silk production using Bivoltine cocoons is being encouraged by establishing 30 Automatic Reeling Machines (ARM)/Units in the country. It is proposed to establish 36 additional ARMs during 2017-18 to 2019-20.

(b): Silk production target and actual achievement made during the last year 2016-17 and during the current year 2017-18 (till Oct-2017) are given below:-

Production of silk in Metric Ton		
Year	Target	Achievement
2016-17	32,000	30,348
2017-18	33,840	16,703 **

** Achievement till October, 2017

State-wise raw silk production in the country during 2016-17 is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Yes Madam. Central Silk Board has proposed to set up two new Cold Storage Plants for the Bivoltine silkworm seeds one each at Bangalore and Jorhat besides strengthening the existing Cold Storage Plant at Hosur.

Annexure- I

State-wise Raw Silk production (in Metric Tons) during 2016-17 & 2017-18 (Till October-2017)

S. No.	States	2016-17		2017-18 (Till October-2017)	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
1	Karnataka	11000	9571	11120	5040
2	Andhra Pradesh	5505	5970	6090	3727
3.	Assam & Bodoland	4103	3811	4705	2413
4.	West Bengal	2706	2565	2590	793
5.	Jharkhand	2624	2631	2744	991
6.	Tamil Nadu	2000	1914	2000	1100
7.	Meghalaya	900	927	1070	923
8.	Nagaland	690	678	770	450
9.	Manipur	503	529	560	243
10.	Chhattisgarh	290	361	405	327
11.	Maharashtra	285	259	328	151
12.	Uttar Pradesh	280	269	300	90
13.	Madhya Pradesh	275	111	230	21
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	170	145	180	132
15.	Telangana	150	119	160	43
16.	Odisha	130	125	140	17
17.	Mizoram	82	76	100	76
18.	Tripura	65	75	85	48
18.	Bihar	84	77	85	12
20.	Arunachal Pradesh	48	45	58	46
21.	Uttarakhand	38	34	44	19
22.	Himachal Pradesh	40	32	40	32
23.	Sikkim	16	9	17	--
24.	Kerala	10	11	12	6
25.	Punjab	5	3	6	3.3
26.	Haryana	2	1	2	0.43
Total		32,000	30,348	33,840	16,703
