

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2710
TO BE ANSWERED ON. 27.12.2018

WELFARE OF MULBERRY FARMERS

2710. SHRI NIMMALA KRISTAPPA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently taken any necessary steps to support/help mulberry farmers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with details of Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for mulberry cocoons during the last three years in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)
MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) & (b): Under the Central Sector Scheme “Silk Samagra” implemented by Government of India through Central Silk Board (CSB) with a total outlay of Rs.2161.68 crore for three years (2017-2020) following steps are taken to support/help sericulture sector in the country including Andhra Pradesh:

- (i) The Research & Development (R&D) units develop technology packages, impart training on improved technology programmes to stake holders and transfer the technology to the field through front line demonstration, the seed production units produce basic and commercial seed of the improved Silkworm breeds. CSB conceive and implement the developmental schemes to ensure that the output generated from these programmes are disseminated to the stake holders in coordination with the State Governments for the development of Silk industry. The units under the Quality Certification System support and certify the quality standards set by the R&D units for Silkworm seed, cocoon, raw Silk and Silk products covering the entire Silk value chain.

- (ii) Assistance/subsidy is provided to mulberry silk farmers/ stakeholders through respective States for raising of Kissan Nursery, Plantation with improved Mulberry varieties, Irrigation, Chawkie Rearing Centre's with incubation facility, Construction of separate rearing houses, Rearing equipments, Door to door service agents for disinfection and input supply.
- (iii) The details of financial assistance provided under "Silk Samagra" during the last three years covering mulberry farmers are given below:

Rs. in crore				
Particulars	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Total
A. For all States				
Total funds released	77.51	70.25	80.49	228.25
Of which for mulberry pre-cocoon sector / farmers	12.56	55.46	49.60	117.62
B. For Andhra Pradesh				
Total funds released	4.88	11.72	8.58	25.18
Of which for mulberry pre-cocoon sector / farmers	1.97	5.29	5.83	13.09

- (iv) At present there is no scheme of the Government to implement Minimum Support Price (MSP) for mulberry cocoons. However, as cocoon marketing is a State subject, the State Governments have been providing various support measures to farmers including price incentives for cocoons.
