

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2528  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022

PRADHAN MANTRI FASAL BIMA YOJANA

2528. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

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

- (a) whether the sericulture farmers have been included under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana Scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether sericulture industry is a labor intensive, export oriented commercial activity, a source of livelihood and an important tool for rural livelihood and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering the implementation of the Insurance Scheme for sericulture farmers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of additional sops for the farmers of Kolar in Karnataka and other parts of the country?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
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- (a): Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) envisages coverage of crops whether food grains, oilseeds, pulses, commercial/horticultural crops. Under Sericulture, silk is a produce from insects and hence, not directly be covered under the PMFBY.
- (b): Sericulture plays an important role in the development of rural livelihood with high returns, high employability especially for women & is eco-friendly in nature. The domestic and export market for silk & silk goods also contributes to the country's economy.
- (c): At present, there is no proposal with the Government of India for insurance scheme for sericulture farmers,
- (d): Government of India is providing skill development training and subsidies to sericulture farmers for taking up sericulture activities in the country including Karnataka. Assistance in total of Rs. 260.21 Cr. has been provided to Karnataka state as a central share under the silk sector schemes from the year 2014-15 to 2021-22 and covered around 28,750 beneficiaries.

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