

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2163
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023

SERICULTURE FARMERS

2163. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

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

- (a) the recent steps taken by the Government to facilitate sericulture farmers in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Kolar and Chikballapur districts in the State of Karnataka are one of the leading areas contributing to the silk industry in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to provide any sops, subsidies and other farmer friendly schemes for the sericulture farmers apart from the existing schemes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER
वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a): The Government of India has been implementing Silk Samagra-2 since 2021-22, a Central Sector Scheme, for the overall development of sericulture industry in the country through following steps to facilitate sericulture farmers in the country:

- i. Financial assistance to states towards implementation of various beneficiary oriented field level critical interventions i.e. kisan nurseries, silkwork rearing packages including assistance for plantation, irrigation, rearing house, rearing equipments and establishment of chawki rearing centres for sericulture farmers.
- ii. Research & Development (R&D) to evolve productive bivoltine hybrids for production of high quality bivoltine silk.
- iii. Strengthening cold storage facilities and grainages to produce, store and supply quality silkworm seed.
- iv. Establishment of Automatic Reeling Machines (ARM) Units for production of 3A-4A grade raw Silk from the bivoltine cocoons.
- v. Mobilization of additional funds for sericulture development through the schemes such as MGNREGA, RKVY etc., of line Ministries to create required infrastructure.

(b): Karnataka is the leading State in silk industry in the country with production of 11,823 MT of raw silk (32% of country's raw silk production) during the year 2022-23. Kolar and Chikkaballapur are major silk producing districts in the Karnataka state with contribution of 11% (1292 MT) & 15% (1725 MT) of the state total production of raw silk, respectively, during the year 2022-23.

(c) & (d): The Government through Central Silk Board is providing assistance to states under Silk Samagra-2 scheme, comprising farmer friendly interventions/components to provide subsidies to silk sector stakeholders including sericulture farmers.
