

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1802
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023

SILK PRODUCTION

1802. SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:

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

- (a) whether silk is produced in the State of Odisha and if so, the total quantity of silk produced during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has failed to achieve the targets fixed for the growth of silk production, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the challenges faced by the Government in boosting the export of silk and its products, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the amount of funds allocated by the Government for the production of silk during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to take steps to ensure price stabilisation of cocoon to protect the silk growers, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government to boost Silk production in the country?

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

(a): Yes. The total quantity of raw silk produced in the state of Odisha during each of the last three years and the current year is given below:

Year	Raw silk production (MT)
2020-21	102
2021-22	108
2022-23	130
2023-24	50*

(* Up to October, 2023)

(b)& (c): Government of India has been implementing Silk Samagra-2 scheme for the period of 2021-22 to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs 4,679.86 crore for the overall development and promotion of sericulture industry in the country. In the year 2020-21, the silk production in the country was 33,770 MT which has been increased to 36,582 MT in year 2022-23.

The major challenges faced by the Government in boosting the export of silk and its products are, reduction in demand for silk goods in major silk importing countries of Western Europe and the USA, increase in prices of raw silk yarn/fabrics and shifting of demand towards other cheaper blends of silk.

(d): The details of funds allocated / released by the Government of India during last three years to support silk industry and silk production in the country, are as follows:

(Rs. In Crores)				
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	Allocation / Released			Allocation
Total	728.38	875.00	875.00	917.77

(e): In Tasar & Muga silk sector, the Government operates floor price to stabilize cocoon price in the market through Raw Material Bank to fetch remunerative price for farmers.

(f): Government of India has taken the following steps to boost the silk production in the country:

- i. Implementing Silk Samagra-2 scheme with a total outlay of Rs. 4,679.86 crore for the overall development of sericulture industry in the country from the year 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- ii. To boost & promote sericulture in the North East Region, implemented 38 Sericulture projects under North Eastern Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS) in 8 NE States with a Central assistance of Rs. 882.97 crore from the year 2014-15 to 2022-23.
- iii. R&D has been focused to evolve productive bivoltine hybrids and package of practices for production of high quality bivoltine silk in the country.
- iv. For production of 3A-4A grade raw silk from the bivoltine cocoons, Automatic Reeling Machines (ARM)/Units have been established in the country.
- v. Mobilization of additional funds by states for sericulture development through convergence with schemes such as MGNREGA, RKVY etc., to create required infrastructure at stakeholder's level.
