

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1141  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2020

SERICULTURE

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

- (a) whether sericulture is a major source of livelihood for crores of people in our country, if so, the percentage of people dependent on the sericulture cultivation, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is implementing Silk Samagra scheme for the development of the sericulture in the country including the villages;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with its aims and objectives;
- (d) the amount of funds allocated by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (e) if so, the other steps taken by the Government to promote sericulture throughout the country?

उत्तर

ANSWER

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

- (a) Sericulture is an agro-based cottage industry having huge employment and income generating potential in rural and semi-urban areas. Silkworm rearing is mainly practiced in rural areas of the country providing livelihood to weaker section of the society. Around 12,03,942 farming families and 56,013 reeler families are involved in sericulture related activities in the country. State-wise percentage of people depend on the sericulture is given in Annexure-I.
- (b) & (c) Yes. The Govt. of India through Central Silk Board has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme “Silk Samagra”, an Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry during the years 2017-18 to 2019-20 with an aims & objective to scale up production by improving the quality and productivity and to empower downtrodden, poor & backward families through various activities of sericulture in the country. The scheme comprises four (4) major Components viz. (i) Research & Development, Training, Transfer of Technology and I.T. Initiatives, (ii) Seed Organizations, (iii) Coordination and Market Development and (iv) Quality Certification Systems (QCS) / Export Brand Promotion and Technology Up-gradation.

- (d) Funds allocated under plan programmes of the Silk Samagra since 2017-18 i.e. its first year of implementation is given below:

Scheme	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Silk Samagra	161.50	120.00	181.00

Out of the above allocation for the scheme, State-wise allocation of funds under “Silk Samagra” scheme during last two years (since scheme was implemented 2017-18 onwards) and current year towards implementation of beneficiary oriented components by States is given in Annexure-II.

- (e) Ministry of Textiles, Government of India through Central Silk Board (CSB) has taken following steps to promote sericulture in the country:

- i. CSB has been implementing a restructured Central Sector Scheme “Silk Samagra” for development of sericulture in the Country, which mainly focuses on improving quality and productivity of domestic silk thereby reducing the country’s dependence on imported silk.
- ii. Under North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS), 38 Sericulture projects are being implemented in all North Eastern States.
- iii. Research & Development has been focused to evolve productive silkworm/host plant hybrids and package of practices to improve quality and productivity.
- iv. Automatic Reeling Machines (ARM)/Units have been established in the country to produce international standard silk of 3A-4A grade.
- v. Mobilization of additional funds for sericulture development through convergence by availing the schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) being implemented by other Ministries of Government of India to create required infrastructure at stakeholder’s level.
- vi. The basic customs duty of 10% & 20% is levied on raw silk and silk fabric import respectively to stabilize the domestic silk weaving segment and make Indian silk export sector highly competitive.
- vii. In order to protect the domestic sericulture farmers and silk reelers, antidumping duty of US\$ 1.85/kg has been imposed on Mulberry raw silk of 3A Grade & below originating in or exported from China PR.

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## State-wise details of number &amp; percentage of people dependent on the sericulture activities

#	State	Number of households involved in sericulture as on March-2019		Percentage of households involved in sericulture	
		Farmers	Reelers	Farmers	Reelers
1	Andhra Pradesh and Telangana	71223	429	0.339	0.002
2	Arunachal Pradesh	8736	15	3.339	0.006
3	Assam including BTC	353010	17916	5.544	0.281
4	Bihar	7469	391	0.039	0.002
5	Chattisgarh	57151	1119	1.016	0.020
6	Haryana	140	-	0.003	-
7	Himachal Pradesh	7564	300	0.512	0.020
8	Jammu & Kashmir	27125	-	1.346	-
9	Jharkhand	165000	5250	2.669	0.085
10	Karnataka	137890	7349	1.046	0.056
11	Kerala	256	-	0.003	-
12	Madhya Pradesh	24248	534	0.162	0.004
13	Maharashtra	8976	19	0.038	0.000
14	Manipur	17841	3567	3.518	0.703
15	Meghalaya	56462	127	10.489	0.024
16	Mizoram	5054	-	2.286	-
17	Nagaland	18017	205	4.505	0.051
18	Odisha	47284	96	0.489	0.001
19	Punjab	589	-	0.011	-
20	Sikkim	496	-	0.387	-
21	Tamil Nadu	25237	131	0.136	0.001
22	Tripura	14500	80	1.720	0.009
23	Uttar Pradesh	25179	-	0.076	-
24	Uttarakhand	6825	70	0.342	0.004
25	West Bengal	117670	18415	0.586	0.092

State-wise details of funds allocated under Silk Samagra during the last two years (since 2017-18 i.e. its first year of implementation) and current year 2019-20 (till Jan-2020)

Rs. in lakh

#	State	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (till Jan-2020)
1	Karnataka	-	9.06	2910.22
2	Andhra Pradesh	857.74	496.39	1726.76
3	Telangana	210.83	497.07	1021.66
4	Tamilnadu	1110.44	619.91	1152.81
5	Maharashtra	81.52	16.17	12.25
6	Kerala	-	-	305.35
7	Uttar pradesh	267.94	624.12	455.77
8	Madhya Pradesh	-	98.18	9.75
9	Chhattisgarh	1119.69	4.73	204.93
10	West Bengal	115.47	40.41	447.80
11	Bihar	301.33	-	-
12	Jharkhand	396.26	370.01	44.65
13	Orissa	115.67	214.76	261.93
14	Jammu & Kashmir	631.88	-	-
15	Himachal Pradesh	1037.20	1298.97	213.79
16	Uttarakhand	1554.12	173.60	791.66
17	Haryana	-	-	217.76
18	Punjab	128.52	-	107.90
19	Assam	Covered under North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme(NERTPS)	44.04	-
20	BTC		2.52	-
21	Arunachal Pradesh		5.04	-
22	Manipur		-	-
23	Meghalaya		2.10	-
24	Mizoram		5.04	-
25	Nagaland		63.00	-
26	Sikkim		-	-
27	Tripura		-	-

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