

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 712
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SILK PRODUCTION IN NORTH EASTERN STATES

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the huge potential in silk production and weaving in North Eastern States including Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action plan formulated by the Government to promote, augment and preserve silk production and weaving; and
- (d) the fund earmarked by the Government for these schemes?

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ANSWER

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(a) & (b): Yes. The North Eastern Region (NER) of India has potential to produce all four varieties of silk viz. Mulberry, Tasar, Eri & Muga. Muga silk (also known as Golden Silk) is produced exclusively in Assam & border areas of Assam and the Eri silk is also produced mainly in NER states. Muga Silk of Assam has already been registered as Geographical Indication (GI) under the Rules of Intellectual Property Rights of Govt. of India. The silk weaving sector of North Eastern States have a long tradition of Handloom weaving, Handicraft and Sericulture. However, most of the looms produce for domestic consumption. The variety-wise raw silk production during last 5 years and current year 2020-21 (till Nov-20) in NER state is given at **Annexure-I**.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Textiles, Government of India through Central Silk Board has implemented various schemes/projects to promote, augment and preserve silk production & weaving in the country including North Eastern States during last five years and current year through State Sericulture Departments. From these schemes/projects, assistance is extended to sericulture stakeholders for infrastructure development through the beneficiary oriented components like, raising of Kissan Nursery, Plantation with improved Mulberry varieties, Irrigation, chawki rearing centres with incubation facility, construction of rearing houses, rearing equipments, support for improved reeling units like Automatic Reeling units, Multiend Reeling machines, Improved Twisting machines and support for post yarn facilities for quality Silk and fabric production. The details of the schemes are placed at **Annexure-II**.

The funds earmarked by the Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India through Central Silk Board for these schemes during last 5 years & current year 2020-21 (Till Dec-2020) is given below:-

(Rs. In Crores)

Scheme	Financial Assistance provided under the schemes for NER States
Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry (ISDSI) (2015-16 & 2016-17)	1.773
Silk Samagra (2017-21)	17.243
North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS) (2014-15 to 2020-21)	745.69

Year	Raw Silk Production in NER States including Assam(MT)				
	Mulberry	Tasar	Eri	Muga	Total
2015-16	319	4	5003	166	5491
2016-17	397	5	5578	170	6150
2017-18	367	5	6602	191	7166
2018-19	586	5	6855	233	7679
2019-20	492	5	7153	240	7891
2020-21 (Till Nov-20)	239	4	5317	181	5741

Annexure-II

- Implemented a re-structured scheme of Catalytic Development Programme namely “**Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry**” (ISDSI) during the year 2015-16 & 2016-17 by merging few important components of CDP under Central Sector Scheme.
- **Silk Samagra:** The GOI has launched a Central Sector Scheme “Silk Samagra” an Integrated Scheme for overall Development of Silk Industry in the Country at a total Central share of Rs. 2161.68 Crore for implementation beyond XII Plan for three years 2017-20. The scheme has been continued for implementation during current year 2020-21 without any modifications.
- **North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS):** This is a Central Sector scheme exclusively approved for North East Region. Govt of India has given special emphasis for consolidation and expansion of Sericulture in all the North Eastern States with critical interventions from host plantation development to finished products with value addition at every stage of production chain. Under this 38 Sericulture projects have been approved for implementation in all North Eastern States in the identified potential districts under four broad categories viz., Integrated Sericulture Development Project (ISDP), Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture Development Project (IBSDP), Eri Spun Silk Mills (ESSM) and Development of Sericulture in Aspirational Districts (AD) with a total projects cost of Rs.1,107.90 crore, of which GoI share is Rs.956.01 crore.
