

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1897
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2021

CONDITION OF SILK ENTREPRENEURS OF BHAGALPUR

1897. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the pitiable condition of Bhagapur silk entrepreneurs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote silk industry on the lines of Khadi Gramodyog; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

उत्तर

ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a) to (d): Government of India through Central Silk Board(CSB) has taken following steps to promote silk industry in the country including Bihar state:

- i. Central Schemes viz; "Silk Samagra" & NERTPS (in NE states only) are being implemented to promote silk industry in the country.
- ii. Strengthened the Research & Development system to improve cocoon production, productivity and silkworm hybrids.
- iii. To produce import substitute Bivoltine silk in the country, R&D has been focused to evolve productive Bivoltine hybrids.
- iv. Cold Storage facilities and Bivoltine grainages have been strengthened.
- v. For production of 3A-4A grade raw Silk from the Bivoltine cocoons, Automatic Reeling Machine (ARM) Units have been established in the country.
- vi. Buniyad Reeling Machines (BRM) are being provided to women thigh reelers by State of Bihar with support from CSB.
- vii. Collaborative research programmes have been taken up with Bulgaria, Australia, Japan, Sweden and Uzbekistan for enhancing the silk production.
- viii. "Indian Silk" is being promoted as a brand in the global market through generic promotion & with the "Silk Mark Tag".
- ix. The basic customs duty of 15% is levied on raw silk import to make the domestic silk weaving & export segment stronger and competitive.
