

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2338
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022

INDIAN SILK INDUSTRY

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

- (a) whether the Indian silk industry is one of the largest generators of employment and foreign exchange for the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the percentage of employment and foreign exchange generated by the Indian Silk Industry during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the contribution of silk industry in the overall economic development of the country;
- (d) the production, consumption, import and export of silk in the country during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the targets fixed and achievements made for production of silk during the last three years and the current year?

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ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes. Silk industry is one of the major employment generating sectors of the country. However, the employment generation data is not maintained centrally. The foreign exchange generated by the Indian silk industry during the last three years and the current year is given below:

Year	Foreign Exchange generated through Exports (Mn. US\$)
2018-19	291
2019-20	247
2020-21	198
2021-22 (Till Dec-2021)	211

(*) **Source:** www.ceicdata.com and <http://tradestat.commerce.gov.in>

(c): Sericulture is an agriculture-based industry playing a vital role in development of the rural economy of our country. High employment potential, high returns, regular income at fixed intervals, women friendly & eco-friendly nature of occupation, are some of the salient features of sericulture. Further, the domestic consumption and export of silk & silk goods also contributes to the economy.

(d): Raw silk production, consumption, import and export of silk in the country during each of the last three years and the current year are given below:

Year	Raw silk Production (MTs)	Import of Raw silk (MTs)	Consumption (MTs)	Export Earnings (Mn. US\$)
2018-19	35,468	2,785	38,253	291
2019-20	35,820	3,315	39,135	247
2020-21	33,770	1,804	35,574	198
2021-22 (Till Dec-2021)	26,587	1,377	31,620	211

(e): The raw silk production targets fixed and achievements made during the last three years and the current year are given below:

Year	Raw silk Production (MT)	
	Target	Achievement
2018-19	35,960	35,468
2019-20	38,530	35,820
2020-21	39,000	33,770
2021-22 (*Till Dec-2021)	39,500	26,587*
