

LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*257  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2026

**PROTECTION OF SILK INDUSTRY**

\*257. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is running any special scheme for the protection and expansion of Bhagalpuri silk (Tussar silk) industry;
- (b) if so, the details of programmes conducted by the Government to promote Tussar silk production, processing, design development, marketing and export in Bhagalpur district during the last three years;
- (c) whether any training programme is being run by the Government to secure livelihood and upgrade the skill of Bhagalpuri silk weavers and artisans and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has any proposals to formulate any special policy for branding, GI tag promotion, marketing facility on e-commerce platform and export promotion to make Bhagalpuri silk competitive in the global market, if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER  
वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री गिरिराज सिंह)  
MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

**(a) to (d):-** A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*257 asked by Shri Ajay Kumar Mandal to be answered on 10.03.2026 regarding 'Protection of Silk Industry'.**

**(a) & (b):** The Government, through the Central Silk Board (CSB), has been implementing the Silk Samagra-2 scheme during 2021-22 to 2025-26 for the overall development and promotion of the sericulture sector, including tasar silk, across the country, including Bhagalpur. Based on proposals received from Government of Bihar, central assistance has been provided for sericulture projects with a total project cost of Rs. 89.63 crore.

**(c):** The Central Silk Board conducts training programmes under Silk Samagra-2 to strengthen skills across the silk value chain, particularly in reeling, spinning, weaving, dyeing, printing and processing activities.

Under Silk Samagra-2 and SAMARTH schemes, 312 person and 351 persons have been trained respectively during the last three years in Bhagalpur. Additionally, under the National Handloom Development Programme, skill upgradation training in weaving, dyeing/printing and designing has been provided to 414 handloom weavers of Bhagalpur during the said period.

**(d):** The Government promotes Indian Silk globally through “Silk Mark” and “Vanya Silks” label. Silk Mark Expos are organised across the country to enhance market access, in which Bhagalpuri Silk weavers are also encouraged to participate and showcase and sale their products. Also, CSB provides quality testing services for cocoons, raw silk and silk fabrics to support exporters in Bhagalpur.

Under National Handloom Development Programme the financial assistance is provided for meeting the expenses in registering the designs / products, imparting training and effective enforcement of G.I. registration of handloom products. For online marketing of handloom products, the e-commerce portal <https://www.indiahandmade.com> has been launched. For export promotion, participation of handloom exporters and weavers is facilitated in international marketing events and fairs.

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