

The following components under CDP are also implemented exclusively to support muga silk farmers:

- Support for raising kissan nurseries
- Muga food plant development
- Strengthening of muga seed multiplication infrastructure
- Assistance to muga adopted seed rearers including construction of mounting hall
- Assistance for muga private grainuers

Rejuvenation of silk industry of Bhagalpur

†1985. SHRI MATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bhagalpur of Bihar is world famous for its excellence in traditional silk industry;
- (b) whether silk industry of Bhagalpur has turned into a worn-out situation and a number of silk artisans are migrating to other cities in search of employment;
- (c) if so, whether Government is considering to rejuvenate the silk industry of Bhagalpur under any of its plans or new policy;
- (d) whether Government is determined to check the exodus of silk artisans of Bhagalpur so that this traditional pride of Bhagalpur could be regained; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The Bhagalpur of Bihar is famous worldwide for its distinctive type of tasar silk and coarse varieties of silk fabrics.

(b) The silk handloom weavers of Bhagalpur are facing stiff competition from power loom and mill sector due to high input cost, low productivity and availability of cheaper imported silk fabric etc. sluggish export market and capturing of export market by other major silk producing countries like China in the recent past has also affected Bhagalpur silk industry.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) to (e) To protect and promote the Sericulture industry/activities in Bhagalpur, the Government through Central Silk Board has taken following remedial measures mainly for development of tasar silk industry:

- (i) Basic Seed Multiplication and Training Centre (BSM&TC) for production and supply of superior quality basic tasar seeds to the State Government units, for further multiplication and supply of silkworm seeds to the tasar reares.
- (ii) Demonstration-Cum-Technical Service Centre (DCTSC) for demonstration of improved technologies to reelers and weavers and to provide required training to the beneficiaries.
- (iii) Sub-Unit of Tasar Raw Material Bank (TRMB) for providing local market support for the producers of tasar cocoons by providing a remunerative price for their produce.

The Government of India through Central Silk Board is also implementing Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) in coordination with the Government of Bihar, to provide support for development of host plantation, construction of Rearing houses/CRCs/Cocoon storage houses, assistance to Tasar Seed production, support for State Department for strengthening of Eri Farm-cum-Grainages, rearing appliances, establishment of improved cottage basin reeling units, support for hot air driers etc. Under Quality Certification System (QCS) scheme, the Silk Mark Organisation of India (SMOI) organises structured and well planned Silk Mark Expos in various cities across the country regularly and provides a platform to weavers, traders and exporters to showcase and sell their silk products including sarees. Weavers and Exporters from Bhagalpur region also participate in these expos in a big way and get benefited.

For holistic and sustainable development of handloom sector including weavers of Bhagalpur, the Ministry of Textiles, through various schemes and programmes, facilitates marketing of handloom products, infrastructure development, brand building, training and skill upgradation, infusion of new and contemporary designs through design intervention as well as product diversification, technology upgradation, easy access to raw material at subsidized prices and easy credit flow at low interest rate etc. besides providing better health care and life insurance under welfare schemes.

One big handloom cluster, covering 5000 looms and 5 small clusters, covering 300-500 looms, have been sanctioned for Bhagalpur weavers. One Mega Handloom Cluster has also been approved in the budget of 2014-15 for Bhagalpur. Further, Government has

setup one Weavers Service Centre at Bhagalpur for providing various services such as skill upgradation, design and product development etc.

The House re-assembled at twelve of the clock,

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Papers to be laid on the Table. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल (उत्तर प्रदेश) : माननीय उपसभापति जी, हम लोगों ने एक मुद्दा उठाया है ...*(व्यवधान)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me do this, first. ...*(Interruptions)*...

Outcome Budget (2014-15) of the Department of Rural Development and Department of Land Resources

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT; THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI UPENDARA KUSHWAHA): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

- (i) Outcome Budget, for the year 2014-15, in respect of the Department of Rural Development.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 300/16/14]

- (ii) Outcome Budget, for the year 2014-15, in respect of the Department of Land Resources.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 301/16/14]

- I. **Notifications of the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology**
- II. **Annual Accounts (from 2003-04 to 2009-10) of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), New Delhi and related papers**
- III. **Report of the Law Commission of India and Report and Accounts (2012-13) of the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-Dot) and related papers**
- IV. **Memorandum of Understanding between Government of India and various Ltd. companies**