

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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SELF-RELIANCE IN RAW SILK PRODUCTION

1233. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made any commitment to become self-reliant in the production of raw silk in collaboration in the coming years;
- (b) if so, the major steps taken to involve various departments of Government and the States;
- (c) whether adequate mechanism has been developed at district, tehsil and block levels to ensure that the farmers take up farming of raw silk in a big way by extending them support and incentives; and
- (d) the additional raw silk production target set till 2025?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Efforts are in place through sericulture departments of silk producing states to enhance the production of import substitute bivoltine silk, thereby minimizing the country's silk imports to zero level and to become self-reliant in silk production.

(c): Central Silk Board is involved in innovative research in silk sector to address the issues and to develop the new technologies on various activities of silk value chain starting from sericulture farming to silk fabric production. In addition, Government of India through Central Silk Board is providing assistance to State sericulture departments for various beneficiary oriented critical field interventions under Central Sector Schemes. The Project Monitoring Committee (PMC) constituted at state level for each silk producing state proposes the required critical interventions under the central schemes and monitors its implementation regularly. Further, State sericulture departments also dovetail the funds for some of the critical interventions from the schemes of other Ministries under Convergence programme. State sericulture departments are mainly involved in extension & implementation of activities at district, tehsil and block levels.

(d): The silk production target set for next five years till 2025-26 in the country is given below:

Year	Raw silk production Target (MTs)
2021-22	39500
2022-23	40800
2023-24	42500
2024-25	44400
2025-26	46500
