

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SILK TECHNOLOGY MISSION IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Karnataka Government has sent a programme for expansion of bivoltine sericulture and overall development of the sericulture industry in the State to the Union Government;
- (b) whether the Government of Karnataka has also sent a proposal to set up a Silk Technology Mission to plan strategies and monitor and implementation of programmes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Union Government thereon; and
- (d) the other steps being taken by the Union Government to improve the quality of Silk yarn in the country particularly in the State of Karnataka?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL))

- (a) The Govt. of Karnataka has sent proposals to Central Silk Board (CSB) under centrally sponsored plan scheme, namely, Catalytic Development Programme, for expansion of bivoltine sericulture.
- (b) & (c) No proposal to set up a silk technology mission has been received from Govt. of Karnataka.
- (d) To improve the quality of silk yarn in the country in general and particularly in the State of Karnataka following steps are being taken:-
- Through Research & Development improved hybrid silkworm breeds and bivoltine breeds have been developed.
 - A package of practices for food plant cultivation, silkworm rearing, disease management, reeling etc. have been taken to the field.
 - Low cost reeling technologies have been commercialized.
 - Silk conditioning and testing houses have been established for testing of quality of raw silk and suggest measures for improvement.
 - Awareness programmes are organized for popularization of various technologies and practices.