

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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CERTIFICATION OF SILK FABRICS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that today some of the Synthetic fibres resemble natural silk to such an extent that a normal consumer would find it difficult to judge the quality;
- (b) if so, whether there is a demand to introduce silk quality certificate;
- (c) whether the Government are considering to introduce such certificate on the line of hallmarking for gold; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A plan scheme `Quality Certification Systems` for silk has been approved for implementation during X Plan period. The scheme provides for setting up accreditation systems for certification of quality of silkworm seed, cocoon, raw silk and silk goods. The scheme also envisages introduction of a `Silk Mark Label` for silk products.