

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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SILK MARK ORGANISATION OF INDIA  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up a "Silk Mark Organisation of India" under the auspices of the Central Silk Board;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to establish facilities to undertake the testing of silk products and also to promote the concept of quality silk with a "Silk Mark Label"; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TEXTILES ( SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA )

(a) & (b) The "Silk Mark Organisation of India(SMOI)" has been set up on 17th June, 2004 by the Central Silk Board. "Silk Mark" is a Hall Mark for the products made from pure and natural silk.

(c) & (d) The Central Silk Board has the required facilities for testing of silk available at its Silk Conditioning and Testing Houses, Regional Offices, Regional Development Offices and Certification Centres all over India. Central Silk Board organizes workshops with consumer forums in nodal offices at Chennai, Bangalore and Mumbai and participate in various Handloom Expos and Silk Fabs for promoting the concept of quality silk with a Silk Mark label.