

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL SERICULTURE COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 20th Congress of the International Sericulture Commission was recently held;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce new subsidy scheme for bigger units to bring in private investments for the benefit of bigger farmers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the benefits likely to accrue to farmers from this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The 20th Congress of International Sericultural Commission (ISC) was held at Bangalore from 15th to 18th December 2005. Around 240 delegates from 17 countries participated in the Congress. 71 research papers were presented and 112 papers were put up for poster presentation. The deliberations covered the entire range of sericulture activities and silk industry. The Congress generated usable trade information and promoted mercantile and economic relations among the participating countries apart from dissemination of latest technology and knowledge.

(c) to (e) : The Government intends to promote private investment in sericulture activities.