

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES  
LOK SABHA**

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DETERIORATION OF KHADI INDUSTRY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a): whether the Khadi Industry in the country particularly West Bengal has been adversely affected due to availability of cheap Chinese silk in the country on the opening of the Nathula Pass;
- (b): if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the government thereto; and
- (c): the action being taken by the Government to remove the adversities?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): Silk khadi activities in the khadi sector are based on utilization of locally available cocoons, hand reeling of yarn, as also procurement of hand-reeled yarn and therefore, any availability of cheap Chinese silk in the country on the opening of the Nathula Pass is not likely to adversely affect the khadi industry in the short term.

(b)&(c): Do not arise.