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RESHAM KRISHI MELA
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Sericultural Research and Training Institute (CSRTI) has organised "RESHAM KRISHI MELA-2004" at Mysore during the first week of November, 2004; and

(b) if so, the objectives and outcome of this Mela?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Central Sericultural Research and Training Institute (CSRTI) organized Reshme Krishi Mela on 16th November, 2004 at Mysore.

(b) The objectives and outcome of this Mela are given below:

Objectives

(i) To create awareness among the farmers.

(ii) To improve the participatory approach among the farmers, scientists and extension staff to get proper feed back and share the knowledge and experiences.

(iii) To popularize the improved cost cutting technologies towards producing quality bivoltine cocoons at lower cost.

Outcome

(i) It provided a common platform for exchange of experiences, ideas and concepts. About 1500 sericulture farmers including 250 women sericulture farmers, 200 scientists from various research institutes, policy makers, extension officers of the State Governments, quality club members, manufacturers and distributors of sericulture inputs participated in the Mela and interacted. The Mela helped to prepare the farmers on participatory mode to produce large quantity of bivoltine cocoons of improved races.

(ii) Publications and CDs on sericulture and "Spoorthi", a mulberry health drink developed by scientists of CSB were released.

(iii) Progressive farmers who have obtained higher cocoon yield in bivoltine silkworm rearings were felicitated.