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Title : Need to take steps for promotion, research & development of Sericulture in the country.

SHRI R. DHIRUVANARAYANA (CHAMRAJANAGAR): With the decline in Sericulture Sector without Government support, the number of silk rearing units, silk markets and industries have come down. Hence, I would like to urge upon the Central Government to accord the status of an agriculture crop to farming of mulberry leaf and silk rearing to utilize the benefit available under agriculture scheme of State and Centre so as to make this sustainable farm based sericulture activity into a profitable enterprise in the country. The promotion of higher education in sericulture should be the mandate of Central Silk Board by extending support to the student in University of Agriculture Sciences, Bangalore. I also urge the Central Government to consider the Sericulture as a major field of research and include it in the major programmes of ICAR.