

**FUNCTIONING OF CENTRAL SILK BOARD
&
PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN SILK INDUSTRY**

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FUNCTIONING OF CENTRAL SILK BOARD & NOTE ON SERICULTURE

A. FUNCTIONING OF CENTRAL SILK BOARD

The Central Silk Board (CSB) is a Statutory Body, established during 1948, by an Act of Parliament (Act No.LXI of 1948). It functions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, having head quarter at Bengaluru. The Board comprises 39 members appointed as per the powers and provisions conferred by Sub-Section 3 of Section 4 of the CSB Act 1948, for a period of 3 years. The Chairperson of the Board to be appointed by the Central Government and two officials to be nominated by the Central Government, one of whom shall be the head of the Silk Division in the Ministry of Textiles as the Vice-Chairperson and another one shall be the Secretary of the Board, both being the officers not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government.

In order to co-ordinate the sericulture development programmes in different States and for undertaking pre-shipment inspection of silk goods meant for exports, the Central Silk Board has established 6 Regional Offices at New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati. Regional Offices of CSB maintain a close liaison with the State Sericulture Departments, field units and CSB field functionaries to co-ordinate transfer of technology. Regional Offices are also conveners of State Level Sericulture Co-ordination Committee meetings constituted by the Central Silk Board. The existing staff strength of CSB is 2,214 as on 01.01.2021.

The mandated activities of CSB are Research and Development, maintenance of four tier silkworm seed production network, leadership role in commercial silkworm seed production, standardizing and instilling quality parameters in the various production processes and advising the Government on all matters concerning sericulture and silk industry. These mandated activities of Central Silk Board are being carried out by the 165 units of CSB located in different States through an integrated Central Sector Scheme viz “**Silk Samagra**” an integrated scheme for development of silk industry with the following four components:

1. Research & Development, Training, Transfer of Technology and I.T. initiatives.
2. Seed Organization.
3. Coordination and Market Development.
4. Quality Certification Systems, Export, Brand Promotion & Technology up-gradation.

1. RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND I.T. INITIATIVES

The Research and Training Institutes of the CSB provide scientific and technological support for enhancing production and productivity for sustainable sericulture through innovative approaches. The main institutes at Mysuru (Karnataka), Berhampore (West Bengal) and Pampore (Jammu and Kashmir) deal with Mulberry sericulture, whereas Ranchi (Jharkhand) deals

with Tasar culture and Lahdoigarh, Jorhat (Assam) deals with Muga, Eri and Oak tasar culture. Regional Sericulture Research Stations have been functioning for the development of region specific technology package and dissemination of research findings as per regional needs. Besides, a network of Research Extension Centre (RECs) and its sub units are also functioning to provide extension support to sericulturist's. In order to provide Research and Development support in post cocoon sector, the Board has established Central Silk Technological Research Institute at Bengaluru. In addition, the CSB has also set up Silkworm Seed Technology Laboratory in Bengaluru (Karnataka), Central Sericultural Germplasm Resource Centre at Hosur (Tamil Nadu) and Seri Biotech Research Laboratory at Bengaluru.

During the year 2020-21, up to the end of December, 2020 a total of 21 new research projects have been initiated, 14 projects have been concluded by various Research and Training institutes of CSB and currently a total of 103 research projects viz., 47 in Mulberry Sector, 28 in Vanya Sector, 15 in Post cocoon sector and 13 in specialized sectors (Germplasm, Seed science and Biotechnology) are under progress.

Research & Development (Highlights of Research Programmes)

(i) R&D on Host Plant (Mulberry):

- ❖ Evaluated nine test genotypes and check S1635 under Final Yield cum Multi-locational Trial (FYT cum MLT) for high yielding mulberry genotypes with early sprouting behaviour capable of producing sustainable leaf yield during winter months.
- ❖ Identified eight high water and nutrient use efficiency accessions viz., MI-0437, MI-0310, MI-0683, ME-0173, MI-0246, MI-0685, MI-0762 and ME-0256 to develop climate resilient mulberry varieties.
- ❖ Optimized whole plant regeneration protocol for photosynthetic efficient transgenic development using cotyledon and hypocotyl explants of G4 mulberry cultivar.
- ❖ Developed putative transformed and rooted mulberry plantlets containing PEPC+PEPCK genes and CA genes contributing towards higher photosynthetic efficiency.
- ❖ Developed protocol for Agrobacterium mediated genetic transformation in cotyledons/hypocotyl explants of G4 mulberry using AtDREB2A+AtSHN1 gene construct.
- ❖ Popularized and commercialized a product viz. Rot-fix developed for control of root rot disease in mulberry.
- ❖ Evaluated 415 diverse mulberry germplasm for root knot disease caused by *Meloidogyne incognita* and identified eight resistant germplasm accessions viz. BR-8, Karanjtoli-1, MI-0437×MI-0364 (P-2), Nagalur Estate, Tippu, Calabresa, Thai Pech & SRDC-3.
- ❖ Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority (PPV&FRA) has accepted to register the high yielding mulberry variety G-4 for Distinctiveness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) test.
- ❖ A co-nodal DUS test centre was established at CSRTI, Berhampore, West Bengal to test mulberry varieties developed at North and North-eastern zone.

- ❖ Identified four genotypes highly tolerant to alkalinity stress (pH>9) viz., Sahana (MI 0524), Bheria dangi-1 (MI 0822), T-36 (MI 0226) and Kanthaloor-2 (MI 0449) to utilize for future breeding programmes.
- ❖ Crosses of alkaline tolerant genotypes MR2 and Sahana with susceptible genotype V1 (MR2×V1 & Sahana×V1) were made to develop mapping population and to identify Quantitative Trait Locus (QTL) governing alkalinity tolerance in mulberry.
- ❖ Identified five promising drought tolerant and high yielding mulberry genotypes (PYD-1, PYD-4, PYD-7, PYD-8 & PYD-21) with >15% leaf yield improvement over drought tolerant (C-1730) and >6% over ruling check (C-2038) varieties for rain fed conditions. Identified high yielding mulberry genotypes (C-01 & C-11) with an improvement over S1635 under irrigated (>30%) and rain fed (>20%) conditions.
- ❖ Identified high yielding mulberry genotypes (PPY-8, PPY-10, PPY-24, PPY-7, PPY-20 & PPY-6) with 10-35% improvement over check variety (C-2038) with better quality and lower PDIs under northeastern states.
- ❖ Established 231 (183 indigenous and 48 exotic) diverse mulberry germplasm with 5 replications under ARBD design for exploring the genetic potentiality of yield through Marker Assisted Breeding (MAB).
- ❖ Developed AFP-2 (Alpha-Fetoprotein) mediated suppression (41-55%) of fungal diseases caused by *Myrothecium roridum* (leaf spot; MLS) and *Fusarium solani* (dry root rot; FRR)
- ❖ Characterized 24 new mulberry accessions for morphological, reproductive, anatomical traits and evaluated. Based on the preliminary yield assessment and morphological evaluation, 10 better performing accessions viz. MI-0857, MI-0837, MI-0980, MI-0838, MI-0858, MI-0962, MI-0966, MI-0973, MI-0974 and MI-0841 were identified.
- ❖ Analyzed MLO (Mildew resistance locus O) proteins of mulberry with MLOs from other dicot species, phylogeny was established for identification of clade V MLO genes and identified five clade V specific MLO genes which are likely involved in powdery mildew susceptibility by Screening for powdery mildew resistant genes and validation of CAPS marker for Chalcone synthase.
- ❖ Collected 20 new mulberry genotypes and planted in the nursery, 18 were collected in unexplored areas of Tura, Meghalaya and one each from CSR&TI, Berhampore and Pampore.
- ❖ A mulberry variety PPR-1, suitable for temperate conditions with high rooting percentage was developed. All India Coordinated Experimental Trials for Mulberry (AICEM) phase IV has been initiated at 5 test centers across the country.
- ❖ During the last 10 years, 14 mulberry varieties have been released for commercial exploitation.

R&D efforts have helped in improving the mulberry productivity from 50 MT/Ha/yr during 2005-06 to 62 MT/Ha/yr during 2019-20.

(ii) R&D on Mulberry Silkworm:

- ❖ Commercialization of the uzi lure has been taken up by ICAR-NBAIR with the approval of ITMC (Institute Technology Management Committee).

- ❖ Developed one multivoltine (28RY) and one bivoltine (29RC) Congenic lines with the targeted traits.
- ❖ Two bivoltine hybrids namely RDIN1 and RDIN2 have been developed for multi-viral tolerance using Marker-assisted selection. Eight SSR markers linked to viral diseases have been identified and characterized at molecular level. These markers could be used in future for diseases resistant breeding programs.
- ❖ Developed new bivoltine double hybrid BFC25 x BFC11 by utilizing Bulgarian and Indian silkworm genetic resources, which showed shell ratio 23.8%, filament length of 1,095 meter and renditta of 5.8.
- ❖ Conducted Transcriptomic analysis for silk quality in silkworm, mannosidase and ubil were found to be potential regulators involved in silk fibroin synthesis, which influence the fibroin synthesis pathway and silk quality.
- ❖ Genotyped 100 silkworm accessions with 20 SSR (Simple Sequence Repeats) markers, concurrently evaluated for nine quantitative & five qualitative traits and assembled a germplasm which is genetically diverse with high variation in pupation rate, thermo tolerance, cocoon weight, shell weight, shell ratio and key yield components. This could be exploited in developing superior genotypes for tropical conditions of India.
- ❖ Evaluated a bivoltine single hybrid S8 x CSR16 (2,84,550 DFLs) under authorization trials, which recorded an average cocoon yield of 69.0Kg/100 DFLs, single cocoon wt., 1.782g, single shell wt., 0.395g and shell ratio of 22%.
- ❖ Identified 12Y x BCon1.4 (12Y x BFC1) as a promising multi x bi hybrid through OFT in Eastern & NE states (avg. yield: ~52kg with ~10% improvement over N x SK6.7)
- ❖ Developed a bivoltine double hybrid (BHP3.2 x BHP8.9) with an improved shell (10-12%) over SK6 x SK7 & Bcon1 x Bcon4 (avg. yield: ~65kg).
- ❖ The crossbreed of ICB29 (an improved pure MV breed) with S8 has developed, which produces 2A grade silk at par with MV1 × S8 and it is superior over the existing crossbreed PM × CSR2. No hibernation was observed in crossbreed of ICB29 with bivoltine S8 and CSR2.
- ❖ An improved Cross Breed, MV1 × S8 (Cauvery Gold) evaluated under authorization trails, showed an average cocoon yield of 60 - 65 kg /100 DFLs, renditta 6-6.5, shell ratio of 21.65%, raw silk recovery 15.41% and fibre quality of 2A-3A grade.
- ❖ An Entomopathogenic fungus *Isaria javanica* which causes grey muscardine in silkworm (first report from India) was isolated from Karnataka and the LD50 of the isolated strain is calculated as 3x10⁵ conidia/ml. The molecular characterization of the fungus was done and the genetic sequence has submitted to NCBI (accession number MH712278.1).
- ❖ Validated the M-LAMP assay for tasar and the results were in conformity with the microscopic testing.
- ❖ Pheromone trap against silkworm uzi fly is being demonstrated and popularized.
- ❖ Developed a general disinfectant, NIRMOOL for disinfection of silkworm rearing house and appliances.
- ❖ Developed molecular markers (py1 & py2) to assess humidity tolerance in silkworm.

- ❖ Developed & verified a new technology for egg enhancement in Bivoltine hybrids (FC1 x FC2) by application of host plant volatiles with increased egg production by 8.5g per kg of cocoons.
- ❖ Recombinant silk Fibroin- Cecropin B, a fusion protein expression was achieved in a heterologous expression system. This silk fusion protein was effective against gram-positive and gram negative bacteria. It has shown enhanced wound healing activity in rats and human dermal cells. The fusion protein has also shown strong activity against oxidative stress.
- ❖ Developed transgenic silkworms to over-express antimicrobial genes Relish 1 and Drosomycin B. Successful over expression of Relish in transgenic silkworms has shown enhanced resistance / tolerance against major pathogens.

R&D efforts have helped in improving the yield from 48 Kg/100 dfls during 2005-06 to 65 Kg/100 dfls during 2019-20.

(iii) R&D on Vanya Silk:

Vanya Host Plant

- ❖ Four semi-synthetic diets were prepared with different combination of ingredients along with Som and Soalu leaf powders.
- ❖ Assessed phytochemical diversity of Som under three different agro-climate zones of Meghalaya and Assam revealed the region and season specific differences in the phytochemical quantities, stress magnitude and intrinsic protection potential of Som. It is established that the magnitude of soil intrinsic nutritional capacity in som fields varies in different agro-climatic zones.
- ❖ A formulation of native rhizobacteria having antagonistic effects against *Alternaria* blight has developed for management of castor blight disease, enhancing plant growth and productivity of the leaf biomass, which is under on station trials.
- ❖ Geographical coordinates of 08 wild / cultivated perennial castor accessions growing in North East were collected for their utilization in the pre-breeding programme. Collection of wild perennial castor accessions from the field has brought variability to the gene pool for its further exploitation.
- ❖ Assessed impact of petroleum crude oil activities on muga culture in Assam, observed adverse effects of petroleum pollutants on muga culture. The finding has facilitated in devising the suitable mitigation measures to revive the muga culture in contaminated areas.
- ❖ 1452 soil samples were collected and analyzed covering North East states viz. Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ In the last 10 years, four Vanya host plants have been identified and recommended for commercial exploitation.

Vanya Silkworm

- ❖ Developed 18 days preservation schedule for the three days Muga eggs, With 2 days post preservation/ incubation period resulted in 85% hatching.

- ❖ Developed short term seed preservation schedule for Tasar silkworm BDR10 mixed eggs (at 15°C for 15 days) with two days progressive incubation (totaling 17 days) resulted in 90% hatching.
- ❖ Standardized DNA bar coding techniques for assessment of wild silk moth diversity in Nagaland. Sequencing data has submitted for open source database.
- ❖ Eco-friendly bait method was developed to control potential bug predator (*Eocanthecona furcellata* Wolff) in Muga ecosystem.
- ❖ Developed a model for prediction of percent flacherie infestation using Geospatial technique, which alerts farmers to take proper precautionary measures to avoid disease out-break in advance.
- ❖ Developed a formulation using potential bio-desulfurizing bacterium isolated from crude oil polluted soils for reclamation of the polluted soil, which is under OST validation.
- ❖ Solar LED light traps of different wavelengths has developed and installed in muga rearing fields for controlling major insect pests and predators in muga ecosystem. The technique is being demonstrated under various awareness programmes in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ Validated a diagnostic tool for early detection of baculovirus causing Tiger band disease in Oak Tasar (*Antheraea proylei*). Standardized an effective sodium hypochlorite based egg disinfection technique to minimize tiger band disease.
- ❖ Whole-Genome 10X linked library of Tasar Silkworm, *Antheraea mylitta* has prepared with 10X chromium technology at an average size of the 544bp and sequenced the 10X chromium libraries on Illumina HiSeq X 10 with 2x150 pair end chemistry.
- ❖ In the last 10 years, 5 Vanya silkworm breeds have been released for commercial exploitation.

(iv) R&D in Post Cocoon:

- ❖ Developed an optimum line of machinery under Miniature concept for Eri spinning.
- ❖ Identified some of the chemicals possessing solubility characters for mulberry silk.
- ❖ In Vanya sector, wet reeling of tasar and Muga cocoons, sizing machine for tasar silk, modified dry reeling machine for tasar cocoons, pressurized hank degumming machine and equipment for recycling of silk reeling water are being popularized in field.
- ❖ Determined Molecular weight of Red Eri Silk Sericin by SDS PAGE and standardized enzymatic hydrolysis of white and Red Eri-silk sericin using protex 6L and hydrolyzed White Red Eri silk Sericin in powdered form.
- ❖ An optimum line of machinery under Miniature concept of Eri spinning has been developed.
- ❖ Developed technology for development of diversified silk knitwear products/ garments using international quality Indian silk.
- ❖ Developed package for Daba, Raily and Modal ecoraces with different concentrations of sodium carbonate and sodium bi- carbonate combined with varying boiling and steaming time to improve the cooking efficiency & reeling performance without affecting the colour/ luster and tensile properties of the silk fibroin. The technology is cost effective and the chemicals are easily available.

- ❖ Designing and fabrication of Solar Cooker and low power consumption Hot Air Dryer were completed.

R&D efforts have helped in improving the Renditta from 8.2 during 2005-06 to 7.3 during 2019-20.

(v) Technologies/products filed for patenting/offered for Commercialization:

a. Patent Obtained:

1. Process of obtaining phyto-ecdysteroids from weeds of *Amaranthaceae* for synchronized maturation of mulberry silkworm.
2. Process for converting seri waste into valuable product (Patent No. 337598 dtd 29.5.2020) CSRTI Mysore.
3. Sericilin (Patent No. 342953) CSRTI Berhampore.

b. Technologies/ products commercialized:

1. Multi Utility shelf rearing stand at Pampore.

(vi) Collaborative Research Projects and Biomaterial Research:

- 1) The R&D institutes of CSB, in addition to the in-house funded projects, external funding collaborative research projects with the financial assistance from DBT, DST, MNRE, NERTPS, Swedish Government etc. are also being carried out. As on December-2020, a total of 15 research projects with external funding are being carried out.
- 2) CSB Institutes also collaborate with other research Institutes such as IISC, Bengaluru, NESAC Shillong, ICAR-IIHR Bengaluru, ICAR-NBAIR Bengaluru, ICAR-CFIRI Kolkata, CSIR-NEIST Jorhat, CSIR-CFTRI Mysuru, KVK Bengaluru, NCL Pune, JNU New Delhi, UDSC New Delhi, MNRE (Ministry of Renewable Energy) Jharkhand, University of Bengal Siliguri, Assam Agriculture University Jorhat, TTRI Jorhat, TERI Bengaluru, and R.V. College of Engineering Bengaluru, NIE Mysuru, PRADAN, Vel Tech Institute Chennai etc. At present, 16 projects are being carried out in collaboration with some of these institutes.
- 3) International collaboration with different institutes has also been undertaken. A project on “Molecular characterization of Ifla virus infecting tasar silkworm” with Swedish Research Council, Sweden and another project on “Improvement of Mulberry and Silkworm Breeding in Temperate Regions of India and Uzbekistan” with Uzbekistan have been taken up.
- 4) MOU has been made with research institutions in Bulgaria, Japan, China, and Australia for exchange of Genetic material to improve hybrid vigor of mulberry silkworm.

Training

The R&D institutions of CSB spread across the country are intensively involved in training, skill seeding and skill enhancement on a sustainable basis, covering all activities of the silk value-chain pertaining to all the four silk sub-

sectors. CSB's capacity building and training initiatives have been structured under the following five heads:

- (i) Skill Training & Enterprise Development Programmes (STEP):** Under this category a variety of short-term training modules focusing on Entrepreneurship development, In-house and industry Resource Development, Specialized Overseas Training, popularization of sericulture technologies, lab to land technology demonstration programmes, training impact assessment surveys etc. have been planned. Some of the popular programmes under this component are: Entrepreneurship Development Programme, Technology Up-gradation Programme, Resource Dev. Programme / Trainers Training Programme, Competency Enhancement Training Programme, Disciplinary Proceedings Training, Management Development Programme etc.
- (ii) Establishment of Sericulture Resource Centre (SRC):** SRCs are training cum facilitation centres established in a select Mulberry Bivoltine & Vanya clusters with a unit cost of Rs.2.00 lakhs each to act as an important link between Extension Centres of R&D labs and the beneficiaries. The purpose of these SRCs is - technology demonstration, skill enhancement, one-stop shop for Seri-inputs, doubt clarification and problem resolution at cluster level itself. As on date 23 SRCs are functioning.
- (iii) Capacity Building & Training by R&D Institutes of CSB:** In addition to conducting structured long-term training programme (Post Graduate Diploma in Sericulture & Intensive Sericulture Training) the R&D institutes of CSB also conduct technology-based training both for farmers and other stakeholders besides organizing Krishi Melas, Farmer's day, farmer's interaction workshops etc. for empowering the framers and other industry stakeholders.
- (iv) Capacity Building in Seed Sector:** Silkworm seed is the most critical sector that drives the entire silk value chain. The quality of seed determines the quality of industry output. Therefore, addressing the capacity building and training needs of this sector is of paramount importance. It is proposed to conduct a variety of training programmes to cover industry stakeholders like - Pvt. Silkworm Seed Producers, Adopted Seed Rearers, Managers and work force attached to Govt. owned grainages.
- (v) Information, Education and Communication (IEC):** IEC is meant for supporting Capacity Budding and training initiatives by popularizing recommended technologies through Brochures, pamphlets, handouts, booklets etc. This component also proposes to produce technology based instructional videos, study materials and documentary films to show case the industry.

The details of number of persons trained under the above said programmes organized by the Research & Training Institutes of CSB during the years 2018-19, 2019-20 and current financial year 2020-21 (upto December-2020) is given below:

#	Training courses	No. of persons Trained					
		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
		Target	Achmt.	Target	Achmt.	Target	Achmt. (Till Dec-20)
1	Structured Courses (PGDS, Mulberry & Non-Mulb. Courses & Intensive	230	191	130	121	150	49
2	Farmers Skill Training, Technology Orientation Programmes, Capsule & Adhoc Courses and Exposure Visit	8290	8050	10025	8100	8980	5264
3	Other Training Programmes	3045	4862	4050	4560	1955	206
4	STEP	1260	782	1545	717	780	309
5	SAMARTH					1360	116
	TOTAL	12825	13885	15750	13498	13225	5944

Transfer of Technology (TOT):

The technologies emanated out of the concluded projects are being effectively transferred to the field through various Extension Communication Programmes (ECP) viz, Krishi Melas, Group Discussions, Enlightenment programmes, Field Days, Farmers' Meet, Audio Visual programmes, Technology demonstrations etc. During 2020-21, upto the end of December-2020, a total number of 281 ECPs were organized under pre-cocoon sector and various technologies developed by the institutes were transferred effectively among 8024 stakeholders. Similarly, 482 ECPs were organized and technologies were effectively transferred among stakeholders under post cocoon sector. Further, 51,820 samples viz., cocoon, raw silk, fabric, dyes, water were tested for various parameters.

I.T. Initiatives:

- ❖ **DBT MIS:** Development of DBT MIS for the scheme "Development of Silk Industry" is completed and obtained security audit clearance by STQC. Obtained VPN connection with NIC Cloud server for linking of the same with DBT Bharath portal. Now, it is proposed to integrate the same with ServicePlus, proforma details submitted and waiting for creation of credentials.
- ❖ **mKisan:** CSB has widened the outreach of scientists and experts to disseminate information to provide scientific advisories to farmers through their mobile phones using mKisan Web Portal. All the main institutes are regularly providing advisories through this portal. Till 31-12-2020, 766 advisories were sent as 79,43,687 SMS messages.
- ❖ **'SMS service'** through mobile phone on day-to-day market rates of Silk and Cocoons for the use by the farmers and other stakeholders of the industry. Both PUSH and PULL SMS services are in operation. Mobile numbers received from DOS are updated and all the registered 12,427 farmers are receiving SMS messages on daily basis.
- ❖ **SILKS Portal:** Sericulture Information Linkages and Knowledge System portal has been developed in association with North Eastern Space Application Centre, Dept. of Space by capturing geographical images through satellite and used for analysis and selection of potential areas for

promoting Sericulture activities in those areas. Multi lingual, multi district data is being updated regularly.

- ❖ **Video Conference:** CSB has fully fledged Video Conference facility at CSB Complex, Bengaluru, CSR&TI, Mysuru & Berhampore, CTR&TI, Ranchi, CSR&TI, Pampore, CMER&TI, Lahdoigarh and RO, New Delhi. Till 31.12.2020, 252 multi-studio Video conferences are conducted. In addition, many web based video conferences were also conducted.
- ❖ **CSB website:** Central Silk Board has a website “csb.gov.in” in bi-lingual English and Hindi. Maximum information is disseminated through this portal for the benefit of common citizen, who may need to know about the organization as well as schemes and other details. Publicity of sericulture plan programmes, achievements and sharing of success stores are featured in the website. CSB has completed the new website and in the process of getting CSB website the GIGW compliance and security audited as per Govt. of India guidelines.
- ❖ **National Database for farmers and reelers:** Farmers and Reelers data base is designed and developed to have database of Farmers and Reelers at national level, which will help policy makers with appropriate information for effective decision making. As on 31.12.2020, 7,37,881 farmers and 14,841 reelers details have been recorded by the states in the database.
- ❖ **MIS on NERTPS "Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture Development Project" in Northeastern States:** MIS for Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture is developed and hosted on dedicated servers for trouble free access by all stake holders.
- ❖ **BPO for interacting with FRDB farmers:** Nodal officers of each zone are interacting with selected farmers obtaining their mobile numbers from FRDB database on regular basis.
- ❖ **Digitization of Board Meeting Minutes:** Digitized the minutes of Board meeting and Standing committee meeting.
- ❖ **Digitization of Parliamentary Questions and Answers:** Database for Parliamentary Questions and Answers has been developed.
- ❖ **Diary of letters** – Letters received are diarized and work allotment and Assistant diary sheet are obtained through MIS software, after successful implementation in Bills section, the same is extended to all the sections and are being used successfully.
- ❖ **Development of SCSP/TSP MIS:** MIS development for fund management and utilization tracking for SCSP/TSP is in progress.
- ❖ **Developed MIS for ARM:** Development of MIS for Automatic Reeling Machine (ARM) data collection is completed and in use.
- ❖ **Integrated MIS package:** Proposed to develop integrated web based MIS package including all the activities carried out by sections / divisions of CSB. Action initiated and collecting details from all the sections / divisions.

2. SEED ORGANISATION

The CSB has a chain of Basic Seed Farms supplying basic seeds to the States. Its commercial seed production centers augment efforts of the States in supplying commercial silkworm seed to farmers.

The Table below indicates the total quantity of seed production during the year 2018-19, 2019-20 and current financial year 2020-21 (upto December-2020).

(Unit: Lakh dfls)

Particulars	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
	Target	Achmnt.	Target	Achmnt.	Target	Achmnt. (Till Dec-20)
Mulberry	440.00	483.04	470.00	399.87	410.00	229.24
Tasar	51.02	51.08	51.17	55.53	52.77	39.24
Oak Tasar	0.64	0.78	1.48	0.44	0.576	0.05
Muga	8.16	5.33	5.65	5.71	5.86	5.11
Eri	6.00	7.22	6.30	6.64	6.00	5.39
Total	505.82	547.45	534.60	468.19	475.20	279.03

3. COORDINATION AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT.

Central Silk Board administration includes Board Secretariat, Regional Offices, Certification Centers and Raw Material Banks. The Board Secretariat of CSB monitors the implementation of various schemes and coordinates with Ministry and States in implementation of various projects in sericulture sector. Several National meetings, Board meetings & Review meetings and other high level meetings are being carried out by the Board Secretariat. The Raw Material Banks operate floor price to stabilize the market price of cocoons to ensure remunerative price to primary producers.

PRODUCT DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION (P3D)

The activities under P3D are to give special focus on fabric engineering, silk blends, designing new fabric structures, design and development of new products in silk and silk blends, product development in the clusters, commercialization of developed products, assisting the commercializing partners in providing backward linkage, technical know-how and assisting/coordinating in sample development.

Activities of P3D:

- Revival of Traditional Silk Products
- Design development and diversification of products with blends
- Product development based on certain identified preferences and requirement in terms of both their design and end uses
- Generating market information, updating market data and forecasting fashion trends.
- Generic and Brand promotion of Indian Silks by organising theme pavilions and display of products in silk expos /exhibitions.
- Assist silk manufacturers and exporters in development of innovative designs and fabrics in tune with the market demand.
- Display of latest developments in silk products and ultimately to create a Centre of excellence for innovations in Indian Silks.

Products Developed:

1. Muga Satin fabric on power loom and Garments
2. Eri silk denim fabrics for Blazer and garments, Eri and Mulberry knits, Eri silk blanket and carpet & Eri silk thermal wear.
3. Tasar silk fabric on power looms for bridal dress.
4. Pure silk sarees and Fabrics in Chanderi cluster
5. Kanchipuram sarees with Muga silk is designed for replacement of Zari.
6. Stain guard and Aroma treated sarees
7. Silk life style products – Ladies purse, bags, socks, glouse, accessories
8. Silk sarees /fabrics printed in Bagh (MP) cluster
9. Products with traditional Lambani art work
10. Mulberry x Eri sarees with Bomkai Design
11. Mulberry saree with Nagaland tribal motif and Silk /linen, silk / cotton, silk / modal fabrics

4. QUALITY CERTIFICATION SYSTEM, EXPORT BRAND PROMOTION & TECHNOLOGY UPGRADATION

One of the main objectives of the Quality Certification System is to initiate suitable measures towards strengthening quality assurance, quality assessment and quality certification. Under the scheme, two components viz. “Cocoon and Raw Silk Testing Units” and “Promotion of Silk Mark” are being implemented. Quality of cocoons influences the performance during reeling and quality of raw silk produced. Cocoon Testing Centres which have been established in different Cocoon Markets with the support under CDP facilitate cocoon testing. The network of Certification Centres of Central Silk Board attached to the Regional Office carryout voluntary pre-shipment inspection of silk goods meant for export to ensure quality of silk goods exported from India. Besides, Central Silk Board is popularising “Silk Mark”, for purity of silk products through the Silk Mark Organisation of India (SMOI). “Silk Mark”, an assurance label, protects the interests of the consumers from the traders selling artificial silk products in the name of pure silk.

The progress achieved under the Silk Mark Scheme during 2018-19, 2019-20 and current financial year 2020-21 (upto December-2020) is given below:

Particulars	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
	Target	Achmnt.	Target	Achmnt.	Target*	Achmnt. (Till Dec-20)
Total No. of new Members enrolled	250	291	260	280	130	175
Total No. of Silk Mark Labels sold (Lakh nos.)	27	25.46	27	29.71	15	13.96
Awareness Programmes/ Exhibition/ Fairs/ Workshop/ Road shows	480	463	500	549	240	173

*The targets for 2020-21 were considerably slashed in view of the downward trend in business due to COVID19 pandemic.

Silk Mark Expos

In order to ensure that Silk Mark gains further credibility & popularity, Silk Mark Expos are being organized exclusively for Silk Mark Authorized Users across the country. The Expos were an ideal platform not only to popularize Silk Mark but also in bringing the manufacturers and the consumers under one platform for selling and buying of pure silk products. Substantial business for the participants was getting generated during these events. During the event massive awareness and publicity campaigns are carried out by the SMOI. However, in view of the government guidelines on social distancing etc., due to COVID19 pandemic, no physical expos are being planned during 2020-21. Instead, SMOI has entered into an agreement with M/s. Amazon.in for online promotion of the 100% pure silk products with 'Silk Mark' by the Authorized Users of Silk Mark. About 25 Authorised Users of 'Silk Mark' are on the anvil for on-boarding on the Amazon platform.

Further, discussions are also being held with M/s. Flipkart, for the online promotion of products of our Silk Mark Authorized Users on their platform.

5. FINANCIAL PROGRESS

The table below indicates year-wise financial performance of the Central Silk Board during the years 2018-19, 2019-20 and current financial year 2020-21 (upto December-2020):

(Cr. Rs.)

BUDGET HEADS	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
	Allocation (RE)	Expnd.	Allocation (Approved RE)	Expnd.	Allocation (Approved BE)	Expnd. (Till Dec-20)
Administrative Expenditure	481.29	481.29	577.70	575.65	546.00	350.36
Scheme Outlay- for Silk Samagra	120.00	117.41	209.91	209.91	254.00	166.69
Total	601.29	598.70	787.61	785.56	800.00	517.05*

*provisional

6. OTHER SCHEMES

A. CONVERGENCE EFFORTS:

The Ministry of Textiles is extending support to the sericulture sector under CSS (SILK SAMAGRA) & NERTPS schemes. Efforts are also being made to mobilize additional funds through convergence, by availing the financial support from other schemes being implemented by various other Ministries of Govt. of India. As per the latest reports received from States, during the year 2019-20, against the projects submitted for Rs. 1264.28 crores by the States, received sanction for Rs. 1181.45 crores, of which Rs. 514.40 crores have been released under RKVY, MGNREGA and other convergence programmes. During the financial year 2020-21 (Till Dec-20), States have submitted proposals for Rs. 174.42 crores, received sanction for Rs. 99.55 crores and received funds of Rs. 39.62 crores for sericulture sector through convergence. Progress reports from few States are still awaited.

CSB, MoT and DAC&FW, MoA&FW under Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) have finalised the convergence model for implementation of Agro-Forestry in the silk sector. The signing of MOU between CSB and DAC&FW for its implementation will be held on 22nd January, 2021. Further, Convergence efforts with MoEF&CC for Seri-forestry convergence for sericulture promotion in India are in final stages of issuing necessary guidelines.

B. MAHILA KISAN SASHAKTIKARAN PARIYOJANA (MKSP):

Multi-state tasar projects under Mahila Kisan Sashktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) at an outlay of Rs.7160.96 lakhs, shared by MoRD (Rs.5366.15 lakhs) and CSB (Rs.1794.81 lakhs) are being coordinated by CSB in six states, since October 2013. The project envisages creating over 36,000 sustainable livelihoods for the marginalized households, especially women in 23 districts, which are mostly Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) affected in the States of Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh & Bihar.

Under the project 36154 farmers were covered. A total of 2497 mahila kisans raised 1521 ha. tasar plantations in private waste lands. 312 nucleus seed rearers brushed 2.159 lakh dfls of nucleus seed to produce 119.4 lakh seed cocoons @ 55.30 seed cocoons per dfl, against the norms of 50 cocoons. 1620 seed rearers brushed 13.120 lakh dfls of basic seed procured from BTSSO and BSPUs, to produce 388 lakh seed cocoons@ 29.54 seed cocoons per dfl against norms of 32 seed cocoons/dfl. 367 private graineurs processed 280.45 lakh seed cocoons and produced 64.34 lakh commercial dfls @ cocoon:dfl ratio of 4.32:1 against norms of 4:1 and 65 lakhs commercial dfls were supplied in the project areas. 14227 commercial rearers brushed 65 lakh dfls procured from the private grainages under the special projects, to produce 2240 lakh reeling cocoons @ 35 cocoons per dfl.

Scaling up projects under MKSP with CSB as NRLM support organization (NSO)

CSB being the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) support Organization (NSO) of MoRD is supporting State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs) in up-scaling initiatives under tasar sector. MoRD has already approved three MKSP Tasar projects formulated with support of CSB, for the states of Jharkhand (25000), Odisha (5220), and West Bengal (5000) covering 35,220 Mahila Kisans funded by MoRD (60%) and SRLMs (40%) with an outlay of Rs.63.34 crores, which are under implementation during the year. Besides, project proposals from the states of Chhattisgarh and Bihar are under consideration and proposal for Maharashtra is due for formulation.

C. SCHEDULED CASTE SUB-PLAN (SCSP)

The Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 55.00 crores towards implementation of Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) under sericulture for the year 2020-21. So far, an amount of Rs. 29.65 crores has been released to Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana towards implementation of components under SCSP during the year 2020-21.

D. TRIBAL SUB-PLAN (TSP)

The Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India has sanctioned an amount of Rs.20.00 crores towards implementation of Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) under sericulture for the year 2020-21. So far, an amount of Rs. 11.34 crores has been released to Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Himachal Pradesh towards implementation of components under TSP during the year 2020-21.

E. SERICULTURE DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES (NERTPS)

The North Eastern region of India being a non-traditional area for Sericulture, Govt. of India has given special emphasis for consolidation and expansion of Sericulture in all the North Eastern States with critical interventions from host plantation development to finished products with value addition at every stage of production chain. As a part of this, under NERTPS - an Umbrella scheme of Ministry of Textiles, the Govt. of India has approved 38 Sericulture projects implementing in all North Eastern States in the identified potential districts under four broad categories viz., Integrated Sericulture Development Project (ISDP), Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture Development Project (IBSDP), Eri Spun silk Mills (ESSM) and Aspirational Districts.

A total of 38 projects covering Mulberry, Eri and Muga silk are implemented in all NE States which includes 24 on-going and 14 new projects. Total cost of these projects is Rs.1,107.90 crore, of which GoI share is Rs.956.01 crore. Of which, 20 projects in ISDP including establishment of Seed Infrastructure in CSB units and Silk Processing & Printing unit in Tripura, 10 projects in IBSDP, 3 Projects for Eri Spun Silk Mills and 5 projects for Aspirational Districts. The Objective of these projects is to establish sericulture as viable commercial activity in NER by creating necessary infrastructure and imparting training skills to the locals for silkworm rearing and allied activities in the value chain. The projects are proposed to bring around 38,170 acres of plantation under mulberry, Eri, Muga & Oak Tasar sectors and expected to contribute additional production of 2,650 MT raw silk during the project period and generate employment around 3,00,000 persons.

a. Integrated Sericulture Development Project (ISDP): Eighteen projects have been approved with a total cost of Rs.631.97 crore (GoI share of Rs.525.11 crores) which includes 14 on-going and 4 new projects for implementation in Assam including BTC, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura. This includes setting up of Soil to Silk for BTC (Assam) and Post Cocoon Technology for Nagaland. The projects will cover 29,910 acres of Mulberry, Eri & Muga plantation benefitting around 41,068 beneficiaries covering in all NE States. Till December 2020, Ministry has released Rs.422.12 crore for the above projects, against which the expenditure reported is Rs.367.36 crore (87%).

Silk Printing Unit at Tripura: To modernize the Silk printing facilities for value addition to the silk and fabric produced in Tripura, a project for establishment of Silk Processing and Printing Unit under NERTPS was approved at a total cost of Rs.3.71 crore (100% Central assistance). This unit targets to print and process 1.50 lakh metre silk per annum. So far, the Ministry has released Rs.3.52 crore for the purpose, against which expenditure has been reported for Rs.3.52 crore (100%).

Seed Infrastructure Units in CSB: To create infrastructure facilities for production of the quality seed in Mulberry, Eri and Muga Sectors in NE States, a project was approved at a total cost of Rs 37.71 crore (100% Central assistance). This scheme envisages construction of 6 seed infrastructure units [(1 mulberry seed unit at Jorhat (Assam), 4 muga seed units at Silchar (Assam), Kobulong. Mokoukchung (Nagaland), Kowbill, Kokrajhar (BTC-Assam), Tura (Meghalaya) and 1 Eri seed unit at Topatoli (Assam)] with a production capacity of 30 lakh mulberry Dfls and 21.51 lakh Muga & Eri Dfls]. Ministry has so far released Rs.35.82 crore for this project, against which the expenditure reported is Rs.32.54 crore (91%).

b. Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture Development Project (IBSDP): Ten projects to produce for import substitute bivoltine silk with a total cost of Rs.290.31 crores out of which GoI share of Rs.258.74 crores which includes 8 on-going and 2 new projects have been sanctioned under NERTPS. The projects cover 4,900 acres of mulberry plantation benefitting around 10,607 women beneficiaries covering in all NE States (except Manipur). Upto December 2020, Ministry has released Rs.213.38 crore for the above project, against which the expenditure reported is Rs.196.77 crore (92%).

c. Eri Spun Silk Mills (ESSM): Establishment of 3 Eri Spun Silk Mills in Assam, BTC and Manipur States have been approved with a total cost of Rs.64.59 crore (GoI share of Rs.57.28 crores) to produce 165 MT of Eri spun silk yarn per annum benefitting around 7,500 stakeholders after establishment of mills. So far Ministry has released Rs.19.55 crore under the above said project.

d. Development of Sericulture in Aspirational Districts (AD): Govt. of India initiated development of silk industry in the Aspirational Districts in one/two blocks per district covering Mulberry, Eri, Muga or Oak Tasar as per the potentiality of the district with the involvement of State Governments. Presently 5 sericulture projects have been approved in the States of Assam, BTC, Mizoram, Meghalaya and Nagaland at a total cost of Rs.79.60 crore with GoI share of Rs.73.47 crore. The projects cover 3,360 acres of plantation benefitting around 4,245 beneficiaries. Till December 2020, Ministry has released Rs.46.45 crore under the above said project. Against which the expenditure reported is Rs. 22.07 crore (48%).

Progress: Upto December, 2020, about 35,411 acres have been brought under host plantation of Mulberry, Eri, Muga and Oak Tasar covering 47,956 beneficiaries and produced 3,967.28 MT of raw silk during the project period (2014-15 to 2020-21). As against Rs.745.69 crore released by Ministry under the above projects, an expenditure of Rs.624.26 crore (84%) has been incurred contributing creation of about 50,000 assets at individual beneficiary level and at common facility level (Construction of rearing houses, seed grainages, reeling infrastructure, mounting halls, plantation etc.).

Some of major initiatives adopted for monitoring of the implementation of above projects are as follows:

- Geo-tagging of assets created under on-going sericulture projects have been undertaken through NESAC, Shillong. The assets of NERTPS

beneficiaries are being geo-tagged. The project activity is underway. For the 14 newly approved projects, in respect of plantation, the details of land and beneficiaries covered has been captured using GPS Map Camera App. Around 3000 beneficiaries of plantation were geo-tagged and have been uploaded in CSB website.

- Third party evaluation of the NERTPS projects implemented under silk sector has been carried out by TERI, Bangalore to evaluate the socio-economic impact on the beneficiaries and the current status of the projects in achieving the desired outcome and milestones. M/s TERI has submitted the final report on Evaluation study of NERTPS project to CSB.
- Two MIS have been developed under ISDP, IBSDP & Aspirational Districts. So far, 86% of MIS have been uploaded.
- As a part of monitoring & evaluation, field visits have been undertaken in the project sites by the scientists of CSB regularly. An Internal Assessment of the projects has been made on the progress of projects and DoSs has been requested to initiate action on the report.
- Combined meetings are being conducted at regular intervals with all NE States by CSB and MoT to review the progress of projects.

The summary of overall Sericulture projects being implemented under NERTPS is given in the Table below:

#	State	Total Project cost (Rs. Cr.)	Gol Share (Rs.Cr.)	Gol Release (Till Dec, 2020)	Beneficiaries (Nos)		Output per annum (MT) 2020-21	
				(Rs. Cr.)	Target	Achmt	Target	Achmt (P) (upto Dec-2020)
I	Integrated Sericulture Development Project							
1	Assam	66.67	47.42	45.05	5,965	5,965	94	99.50
2	BTC	34.92	24.68	23.44	3,356	3,356	75	32.44
3	BTC(IEDPB)	11.41	10.61	10.08	654	654	26	12.94
4	BTC(Soil to Silk)	55.36	53.12	37.09	3,526	2,345	102	49.00
5	Arunachal Pradesh	18.42	18.42	17.50	1,805	1,672	36	12.02
6	Manipur (Valley)	149.76	126.60	107.55	6,613	5,957	203	35.80
7	Manipur (Hill)	30.39	24.67	20.50	2,169	1,490	51	57.63
8	Meghalaya	30.16	21.91	19.57	2,856	2,856	77	14.56
9	Mizoram	32.49	24.49	23.26	1,683	1,683	49	11.61
10	Mizoram(IMSDP)	13.52	12.83	12.19	833	800	10	0.29
11	Nagaland	31.47	22.66	21.52	2,678	2,678	69	18.08
12	Nagaland (IESDP)	13.66	12.83	12.19	1,053	1,053	24	13.80
13	Nagaland (PCT)	8.57	8.48	8.06	406	406	Post cocoon & post yarn activities are in progress	
14	Tripura	47.95	33.20	30.03	3,432	3,432	121	44.60
	Total (I)	544.75	441.93	388.02	37,029	34,347	938	402.27
Ia	New ISDP projects							
15	Ar. Pradesh (ILSEF)	37.25	35.65	9.12	1,270	445	48	24.32
16	Ar, Pradesh(IMSDP)	12.69	12.15	6.08	875	350	9	1.80

17	BTC -IESDP(Tap)	18.63	17.35	10.78	1,400	625	18	4.41
18	Nagaland-Chungtia	18.67	18.04	8.13	500	150	16	-
	Total (Ia)	87.24	83.19	34.10	4,045	1570	91	30.53
	Sub Total	631.97	525.11	422.12	41,074	35,917	1,029	432.80
Ib	Infrastructure Projects							
19	Tripura (Silk Printing)	3.71	3.71	3.52	-	-	1.50 lakh mts./yr	Printed 820 Sarees
20	CSB Seed Infrastructure	37.71	37.71	35.82	-	-	1.14 lakhs Muga dfls & 0.15 lakhs Eri dfls / yr	0.04 lakhs Mulberry dfls, 0.58 lakhs Muga dfls & 0.04 lakhs Eri dfls achieved
	Total (Ib)	41.42	41.42	39.35	-	-	-	-
	Total (I+Ia+Ib)	673.39	566.53	461.47	41,074	35,917	1,029	432.80
II	Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture Development Project							
1	Assam	29.55	26.28	24.96	1,144	1,144	17	3.50
2	BTC	30.06	26.75	25.41	1,188	1,188	17	1.50
3	Arunachal Pradesh	29.47	26.20	24.89	1,144	663	16	1.20
4	Meghalaya	29.01	25.77	24.47	1,044	1,033	16	3.60
5	Mizoram	30.15	26.88	25.54	1,169	1,169	16	8.07
6	Nagaland	29.43	26.16	24.85	1,144	1,144	16	4.26
7	Sikkim	29.68	26.43	25.11	1,094	988	17	0.80
8	Tripura	29.43	25.95	24.65	1,144	1,144	16	14.30
	Total (II)	236.78	210.41	199.88	9,071	8,473	130	37.23
Ila	New Bivoltine projects							
9	Nagaland-Biv (SPV)	22.43	20.68	10.34	436	320	14	1.31
10	Tripura-Sepahijala	31.11	27.64	3.16	1,100	120	17	-
	Total (Ila)	53.53	48.32	13.50	1,536	440	31	1.31
	Total (II+Ila)	290.31	258.74	213.38	10,607	8,913	161	38.54
	IEC			4.84				
III	Eri Spun Silk Mills							
1	Assam	21.53	19.09	5.00	2500	-	-	-
2	BTC	21.53	19.09	9.55	2500	-	-	-
3	Manipur	21.53	19.09	5.00	2500	-	-	-
	Total(III)	64.59	57.28	19.55	7500	-	-	-
IV	Aspirational Districts							
1	Assam	21.03	19.55	9.78	1,200	566	46	-
2	BTC	20.28	18.64	13.32	1,020	610	40	7.84
3	Meghalaya	12.08	10.97	5.48	410	429	17	-
4	Mizoram	11.56	10.82	9.74	650	559	17	2.59
5	Nagaland	14.65	13.49	8.13	965	962	17	10.73
	Total(IV)	79.60	73.47	46.45	4,245	3,126	137	21.16
	Grand Total (I+II+III+IV) (38 projects)	1,107.90	956.01	745.69	63,426	47,956	1,327	492.50

(P): provisional

SUCCESS STORIES IN SERICULTURE:

1. Shri B. Chidananda, Agali, Madakasira, Ananthapuram district, Andhra Pradesh studied up to 10th class, having 4.0 acres of land got into sericulture farming in 1984 due to high production cost and low income from sugarcane, paddy, maize and areca nut cultivation. He practised 5 crop schedule/year with brushing of 300 dfls/acre/crop and harvested an average cocoon yield of 75-80 kg/100 dfls. By practising bivoltine sericulture, his annual income increased from Rs.1 lakh to Rs. 12.60 lakhs per annum. The earnings from sericulture helped him to arrange education, marriage and individual houses to his siblings. After adopting sericulture, the farmer and his family became self-sufficient, improved their socio-economic status and are leading a secured life.
2. Shri Francis Xavier Amalraj, Malamettukkadu, Kozhippara PO, Elappully, Palakkad district, Kerala is a stakeholder of sericulture since 2008. He initiated mulberry in one acre and constructed a silkworm rearing shed by spending Rs. 2 lakhs with the support and guidance of CSB. He has increased the mulberry acreage to 2.5 acres during 2018-19. Presently he is rearing 1,500 dfls annually in 10 or 11 crops. His average cocoon yield is above 90 kgs per 100 dfls. The revenue generated from sericulture helped him to construct a new dwelling house at the cost of Rs.10 lakhs, purchase of new motor cycle, farm mechanization equipments like mini power tiller, weed cutter, power sprayer, etc. and to provide good education to his children.
3. Shri Amelson Sangma, East Garo Hills, Meghalaya is practising raising of Kissan Nurseries of Eri Host plant, Kesseru, since 2014-15, with financial support under NERTPS for this self-employment venture. He is supplying about 20,000 saplings of Kesseru varieties and getting an average income of Rs.1,60,000/Year. He has supported farmers in this hilly terrain areas of Tura in East Garo Hills by supply of healthy saplings to raise plantations under the project.
4. Shri Sayed Azam, Chikkaballapur, Karnataka with 8th Standard pass, is engaged in mulberry silk Reeling since last 30 Years. During 2016-17, He installed a 400 ends Automatic Reeling Machine with GOI support (50%), State Govt support (25%) and remaining as his contribution. Required technology support was extended from CSB. He is able to reel 700 Kg of cocoons per day, producing an average of 112 kg of raw silk and getting an average annual income of Rs.10 lakh. With the support, He has cleared his loan of Rs.75Lakh, and purchased a Four Wheeler.

POLICY INITIATIVES

1. Customs Duty on imports: The basic customs Duty on Raw Silk has been enhanced from the level of **10% to 15%** on 1st Feb-2021. The basic customs duty on Silk fabric is maintained at 20 %.

2. Anti-Dumping Duty on Raw silk: In order to safeguard the interest of the domestic silk industry against the In order to safeguard interests of the seri farmers and silk reelers of the country, the Govt. of. India has imposed an Anti dumping Duty on Chinese Mulberry Raw silk of 3A Grade below during

December 2015 by the Director General of Trade Remedies (DGTR). The anti – dumping duty so imposed has ended / ceased during January 2021.

B. STATUS OF SILK INDUSTRY

Silk is the most elegant textile in the world with unparalleled grandeur, natural sheen, and inherent affinity for dyes, high absorbance, light weight, soft touch and high in durability. Because of these unique features silk is known as the “**Queen of Textiles**” the world over. On the other hand, it stands for livelihood opportunity for millions, owing to its high employment potential, low capital requirement and remunerative nature of its production. The very nature of this industry with its rural based on-farm and off-farm activities and enormous employment generation potential has attracted the attention of the planners and policy makers to recognize the industry among one of the most appropriate avenues for socio-economic development of a largely agrarian economy of India.

Silk has been intermingled with the life and culture of the Indians. India has a rich and complex history in silk production and its silk trade which dates back to 15th century. Sericulture industry provides employment to approximately 9.40 million persons in rural and semi-urban areas in India. Of these, a sizeable number of workers belong to the economically weaker sections of society, including women. India’s traditional and culture bound domestic market and an amazing diversity of silk garments that reflect geographic specificity has helped the country to achieve a leading position in silk industry. India has the unique distinction of being the only country producing all the five known commercial silks, namely, Mulberry, Tropical Tasar, Oak Tasar, Eri and Muga, of which Muga which is produced only in India with its golden yellow glitter is a prerogative of India.

India is the second largest producer of silk in the world. Among the four varieties of silk produced in 2019-20, Mulberry accounted for 70.46% (25,239 MT), Tasar 8.76% (3,136 MT), Eri 20.11% (7,204 MT) and Muga 0.67% (241 MT) of the total raw silk production of 35,820 MT.

Performance of Sericulture Sector

Particulars	2015-16 Achmnt	2016-17 Achmnt	2017-18 Achmnt	2018-19 Achmnt	2019-20 Achmnt	2020-21	
						Target	Achmnt (Apr-Dec, 2020)
Mulberry Plantation (Lakh ha.)	2.09	2.17	2.24	2.35	2.39	2.54	2.47
Raw Silk Production:							
Mulberry (Bivoltine)	4613	5266	5874	6987	7009	8375	4556
Mulberry (Cross breed)	15865	16007	16192	18358	18230	19125	11842
Sub Total (Mulberry)	20478	21273	22066	25345	25239	27500	16398
Vanya							
Tasar	2819	3268	2988	2981	3136	3740	1156
Eri	5060	5637	6661	6910	7204	7500	6273
Muga	166	170	192	233	241	260	202
Sub Total (Vanya)	8045	9075	9840	10124	10581	11500	7631
GRAND TOTAL	28523	30348	31906	35468	35820	39000	24029

Source: The data received from DOSs & compiled at CSB (Central Office)

Raw Silk Production during 2019-20

During 2019-20, the total raw silk production in the country was 35,820 MT, which is an increase of 1% over the production achieved during the previous year and around 93% of the annual targeted production for the year 2019-20.

The bivoltine raw silk production achieved 7009 MT during 2019-20 by registering 0.3% growth over previous year. Vanya silk, which includes Tasar, Eri and Muga silks, has achieved 4.5% growth during 2019-20 over 2018-19.

The area under mulberry during 2019-20 was up by 2.1%. The State-wise production of raw silk during 2017-18 to 2019-20 and current financial year 2020-21 (Till December- 2020) are given in **Annexure- I**.

Raw Silk Imports:

The quantity and value of raw silk imported during 2017-18 to 2019-20 and current financial year 2020-21 (Till December-2020) are given below:

Year	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs. in Crores)
2017-18	3712	1218.14
2018-19	2785	1041.35
2019-20	3315	1149.32
2020-21 (P) (Till Dec-2020)	1150	351.03

Source : DGCIS, Kolkata, P : provisional

Exports:

The export earnings during 2019-20 were Rs. 1745.65 crores. Export values of silk goods during 2017-18 to 2019-20 and current financial year 2020-21 (Till December-2020) are given below:

Items	(Rs. in Crores)			
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21(P) (Till Dec-2020)
Natural Silk Yarn	15.66	24.72	16.77	5.75
Silk Fabrics and made-ups	864.81	1022.43	982.91	326.64
Readymade Garments	650.48	742.27	504.23	454.22
Silk Carpet	17.34	113.08	143.43	131.96
Silk Waste	101.19	129.38	98.31	112.30
Total	1649.48	2031.88	1745.65	1030.87

Source: Compiled from the Statistics of DGCIS, Kolkata; P: Provisional

Employment Generation:

The employment generation under sericulture in the country increased to 9.4 million persons in 2019-20 from 9.1 million persons in 2018-19, indicating a growth of 2.74%.

Annexure- I

State-wise raw silk production during the Last 3 Years (2017-18 to 2019-20) and Current Financial Year 2020-21 (till December-20)

(in MT)

#	State	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
		Target	Achmnt.	Target	Achmnt.	Target	Achmnt.	Target	Achmnt. (P) (Apr-Dec-20)
1	Karnataka	11120	9322	10750	11592	12000	11143	12600	8483
2	Andhra Pradesh	6090	6778	7805	7481	7946	7962	8208	5520
3	Telangana	160	163	200	224	295	297	310	166
4	Tamil Nadu	2000	1984	2190	2072	2300	2154	2300	1206
5	Kerala	12	15	14	16	20	13	17	5
6	Maharashtra	328	373	415	519	630	428	475	285
7	Uttar Pradesh	300	292	340	289	365	309	354	179
8	Madhya Pradesh	230	103	160	100	165	61	80	28
9	Chhattisgarh	405	532	670	349	562	480	535	248
10	West Bengal	2590	2577	2775	2394	2900	2295	2520	298
11	Bihar	85	63	95	55	86	56	58	0
12	Jharkhand	2744	2220	2658	2375	2604	2402	2904	800
13	Odisha	140	116	148	131	150	137	160	68
14	Jammu & Kashmir	180	132	190	118	170	117	142	0
15	Himachal Pradesh	40	32	43	34	50	31	45	20
16	Uttarakhand	44	35	45	36	42	40	25	8
17	Haryana	2	0.7	2	0.7	2	1	1	0.3
18	Punjab	6	3	5	3	5	3	4.5	1
19	Assam	4705	4861	4980	5026	5395	5316	5519	5038
20	Ar. Pradesh	58	54	65	59	75	64	67	39
21	Manipur	560	388	435	464	600	504	542	313
22	Meghalaya	1070	1076	1110	1187	1220	1192	1245	999
23	Mizoram	100	83.6	105	92	130	104	113	42
24	Nagaland	770	615	633	620	682	600	649	230
25	Sikkim	17	0.001	3	0.4	1	1	2	0.08
26	Tripura	85	87	125	230	130	111	125	51
Total		33840	31906	35960	35468	38530	35820	39000	24029

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