

ZILLA PANCHAYAT, GULBARGA

DEPARTMENT OF SERICULTURE

Brief Note:

Sericulture is an agri based industry it consists of mulberry cultivation, silkworm rearing and post cocoon technology. Karnataka is a state which produce 60% of silk of the total production of the country. Gulbarga is a non-traditional sericulture district it has **469** sericulturists and mulberry area is about **848** acres. Development of Sericulture activity the following schemes are started implementing.

Zilla Panchayat Schemes:

1. **Development of Silk Farms:** Raising of mulberry at Hedagimudra (Yadagiri Tq.) and Kavadinatti (Surpur Tq.) terms and supply to the Sericulturists at the cost of 50 Paise each mulberry.
2. **Advisory Services:** For giving wide publicity to the irrigated farmers, celebrating field days at the farmers field and arranged group discussion among progressive farmers. Exhibitions are arranged in different jattras and sandy days this will help to the farmers to know new technologies.
3. **Disease Control:** Silkworms are highly susceptible to bacterial and viral diseases. So for management of these diseases, disinfectants are purchased and distributed to sericulturists at the free of costs.
4. **Taluk Panchayat Schemes:** Bivoltine rearers will get Rs.10/- incentive for 1 Kg. of bivoltine cocoon and subsidy will be provided for construction of reeling shed or rearing house.
5. **Special component and tribal sub plan schemes:** All scheduled caste and scheduled tribe sericulturists will get plantation incentives, equipment benefits and rearing house subsidy.
6. **Catalytic Programme:** In catalytic programme all type of sericulturists will get plantation benefits of Rs.5000 per acre and benefit extended upto maximum at one ha. The subsidy for the Construction of Rearing House ranges from Rs.25,000-75,000 and Rs.30,000 subsidy for rearing equipments.
7. **Varadhan Schemes:** In Varadhan schemes additional rearing house and other one more ha. drip irrigation subsidy will be provided. Plantation incentives of Rs.5,000 per acre will be provided to the SF, MF, Ladies and Physically challenged sericulturist.