

SILK PRODUCERS' CHARTER - ASSAM, 2005

(Directorate of Sericulture)

'Committed to a vibrant Silk Industry in Assam'

1. WE SERVE :

- Silk Farmers-
 - ☞ Seed Cocoon growers
 - ☞ Seed Graineurs
 - ☞ Commercial cocoon growers
- Silk Reelers & Spinners
- Entrepreneurs & NGOs involved in Silk activities
- Silk manufacturing Units
- Anyone self employed in the silk business & trade
- All those who desire to take up full time silk activities for employment.
- All Institutions & organisations involved in silk activities & training

2. WE GAURANTEE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO THOSE WE SERVE:

a) For Commercial Silk Farmers:

- Free Planting materials for systematic 3m x 3m plantation to farmers having required land, fencing material and desire for silk breeding.
- Alternatively, reimbursement of the cost of systematic plantations raised on ½ acre for eri, 1 acre for muga and ½ acre for mulberry.
- Maintenance cost for 2nd & 3rd year for each surviving som plant.
- Silkworm food leaves from nearest farm centre [CMG/ECC] at a very nominal cost for indoor rearing of eri or mulberry.
- Rearing sheds for Eri or Mulberry indoor rearing.
- Financial assistance & Training for Vermi-compost to silk farmers.
- Scientific rearing equipment/ kit for maximising productivity.
- Plantation infrastructure facility at a nominal fee of 10% of the produce in 70 muga VGRs spread over the State.
- Organisation of commercial muga silkworm seeds.
- Supply of commercial muga seeds at cost basis on advance indent.
- Insurance cover for systematic muga commercial farmers along with personal accident insurance.
- Training & support in latest rearing technology.
- Assistance for augmenting silk plantations.

b) For Muga Seed producers:

- Comprehensive support package to muga-grainage enterprises.
- Financial assistance for construction of grainage building.
- Financial assistance for grainage equipment,
- Financial assistance for consumables and rearing appliances.
- Plantation infrastructure facility, subject to conditions.
- Linkage with supporting seed growers.
- Financial assistance to supporting seed growers.
- Crop Insurance for muga farmers with personal accident cover.
- Support for quality disinfectant for disease prevention.
- Training in silkworm seed production, preservation and handling.
- Market linkages with commercial farmers.

c) For Silk Reelers & Spinners

- 50% financial assistance for reeling machines and spinning wheels.
- Re-reeling & twisting facility at selected places.
- Training to reelers and spinners in cocoon processing technology.
- Assured market linkages for quality eri & muga yarn produced.
- Periodic coaching by master reelers/dyers for higher productivity.

d) For Prospective & Existing Silk Entrepreneurs or NGOs

- Complete technical assistance.
- 50 % financial support for entrepreneurs and NGOs in setting up of approved post cocoon units that provide employment.
- Training in silk yarn processing & silk weaving along with market linkages through Production cum Training Centres run by our 2 NGO partners, etc -
 - Purbanchal Multicorner, Guwahati.
 - Roje Eshanali, Kokrajhar.
- Calendaring facilities at Guwahati & Kokrajhar
- Assistance in preparation of projects.
- Support for setting up silk production units.
- Linkages in the supply chain and access to fairs & exhibitions.
- Access to marketing agencies of Government.
- Periodic skill development by master weaver, reeler & and dyer.

- Silk twisting facilities at Sualkuchi, Gaurisagar & Mangaldoi.
- Contract-farming links in selected areas.
- Training in cocoon conversion, yarn processing and silk weaving.
- Training in any silk production activity from plantation to silk weaving.
- User-group facility of plantation infrastructure, subject to conditions.
- CAD facilities at Sualkuchi DSTC for designs/punch card assistance.

e) For all involved in the Silk Business:

- Technical know-how, based on current best practices.
- A Manual, specifying standard operating procedures [SOP] for silk production activities, as a performance aid.
- Information on Silk prices & Markets.
- Quality Certification of any silk products by 'Silk Mark' Centre, Ghy.
- Technical & managerial support for establishing silk enterprises.
- Membership under 'Silk Mark Scheme' for fair trade practices.
- Linkages to facilitate backward and forward integration in production.
- Technical vetting of bankable silk-related projects for credit.
- Free consultancy in any silk related activity including investments.
- Contract farming guidance.

3. We also assure that we shall endeavour to :

- Dispose your demand for the above within the relevant silk **season**.
- Assist in framing your proposal within **7 days** of your demand.
- Deliver benefits of all schemes as eligible, within the **next** season of joint verification with CSB of you achievement/status.
- Clear your proposal for reeling/spinning machines at 50% cost within **48 hours** of receipt of Bank Draft of the your 50% by indenting.
- Assist in establishing new feasible enterprise within the financial **year** if proposed by 31st May.
- Satisfactorily resolve your complaint in not receiving the above services within **10 days** of receipt of complaint by the District Officers or the Director of Sericulture.
- Cover women/ST/SC silk rearers, reelers, spinners on **priority** basis.

4. OUR REACH AND HELP-LINES :

- Your neighbourhood Sericulture Demonstrators or Supervisor.
- NGO partners at Production cum Training Centers at Guwahati & Kokrajhar-
 - ◆ Roje Eshansali , Salakati – 95-361-282394 ; 94350-26565
 - ◆ Purbanchal Multicorner, Kahilipara- 95-3661-2380144
- All local Extension Officers & Inspectors of Sericulture..
- Assistant Directors or Superintendents in every district & subdivisio.n.
- S Bramha, Joint Director Boroland Territorial Council Area, Kokrajhar.
- Additional Directors at Haflong & Diphu Hill Council Areas.
- CK Dehingia, Deputy Director, Khanapara, Guwahati 781022.
- PK Dutta, Deputy Director, Khanapara,, Guwahati, 781022.
- Director of Sericulture, Khanapara Ghy.-22 Tel –(0361) 2361021.

5. Please share with us :

- Our **Vision** of global leadership in non-mulberry silks
- Our **Mission**,2010 to transform the rural economy in Assam by establishing a vibrant silk industry through technology, zeal and enterprise.
- Our **Goal**, focused on self-employment in silk ventures.
- Our **Objectives** emphasising on quantum increase in productivity, value addition and higher income in every silk activity.
- Our **Aspiration** to collaborate with a responsible Silk Guild in Assam.
- Our **Commitment** to the creation of a strong silk sector economy.

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