

## **ESTIMATION OF GROWTH OF TRADE IN INDIAN SILK PRODUCTS**

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### **ABSTRACT**

India is the second largest producer of raw silk after China and the biggest consumer of raw silk and silk fabrics. The study area pertains to India the country as a whole in general. Analysis was carried out for the period from 1990-91 to 2008-09. The statistical techniques like analysis of growth was used in the study. As far as the total mulberry silk export is concerned, it has increased from 303.72 lakh square meters to 1271.69 lakh square meters during the study period in quantitative terms, and the export earnings increased from Rs. 41719.63 lakhs to Rs. 326352.4 lakhs. The growth was found significant in all the countries such as USA (8.76 per cent), Hong Kong (17.47 per cent), UK (11.05 per cent), UAE (18.25 per cent), Italy (17.02 per cent), Germany P. Republic (2.85 per cent), Spain (19.87 per cent), France (11.05 per cent) and others (18.87 per cent). There has been a significant increase in the growth rates of export of all silk varieties both in terms of quantity and value during the study period. The instability in export earning was mainly caused by the interaction between the change in mean quantity and mean price. This was due to increased quantum of exports as well as the high price realized by these silk products in the development period.

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