

## SILK FIBERS – CONCLUDING PART

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### Types of Silk

1) **Mulberry Silk** – Mulberry Silk is one of the most popular forms of Silk. It is one of the exquisite silk used in textiles. The bulk of the commercial silk produced in the world comes from this variety and often silk generally refers to mulberry silk. Mulberry silk comes from the silkworm, *Bombyx mori L.* which solely feeds on the leaves of mulberry plant. These silkworms are completely domesticated and reared indoors. In India, the major mulberry silk producing states are Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Jammu & Kashmir which together accounts for 92 % of country's total mulberry raw silk production.

2) **Muga Silk** – Muga Silk is a variety of wild silk found in Assam and other north eastern states. The silk is known for its extreme durability and has a natural yellowish-golden tint with a shimmering, glossy texture. It was previously reserved for the use of royalty.

3) **Eri Silk** - Eri Silk is also known as **Endi** or **Errandi** in India. The woolly white silk is often referred to as the fabric of peace when it is processed without killing the silkworm. Eri Silk is found in Assam and other north eastern states.

4) **Tussar Silk** - Tussar silk is produced from larvae of several species of silkworms belonging to the moth genus, these silkworms live in the wild forest in trees. Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, etc. Oak Tasar is produced in Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir, etc.

Mulberry silk is a farm cultivated silk and other three silk is cultivated in the forest and it is also called wild silk.



## Summary

India is the second largest country in the world after China producing mulberry silk. The silk products exported include natural silk yarns, fabrics, made-ups, readymade garments, silk carpets and silk waste. Readymade Garments formed the largest segment of earning followed by Fabrics, Made-ups rest earnings are from silk carpets, silk waste, Raw Silk and Silk Yarn.

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