

**Interview** with Mr. Kusuma Rajaiah  
owner of the patent for producing Ahimsa silk fabric in India

- *Mr. Rajaiah, who are the producers of the silk fibres?*  
I am purchasing the cocoons from the farmers and keep them for piercing naturally outside. Then I extract the fibre from the pierced cocoon at outsourcing.
- *What conditions are the basics for the work and the sale of the silk?*  
All our family members are involved in the work along with others. The labour is being paid as per their demands, which are very fair wages and more than prescribed by the government. The sale of the fabric is done from my home office.
- *Do the workers or weaving mills have contracts with you?*  
I have good relations with my weavers. For their work they will decide the wages and I am paying accordingly. They are working for me since 12 years happily.
- *What manufacturers are involved with the processing of the silk?*  
Only the farmers and the spinners.
- *Do they fulfil the commitments of the ILO?*  
They are meeting the local government labour laws.
- *What kind of contracts have the workers of the participated companies?*  
Pertaining to spinners they follow the government rules.
- *Is it explicitly produced without children work?*  
Yes, and we don't strictly involve child labour.
- *Thank you, Mr. Rajaiah, for these very interesting details of your work.*



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