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DEVELOPMENT OF POLYVOLTINE BREEDS / HYBRIDS OF THE SILKWORM *BOMBYX MORI* L. FOR INDIAN CONDITIONS - A REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

India is a key player in the global silk production scenario. But being a tropical country, it has a major share of its silk being of polyvoltine origin. As this is comparatively of inferior quality, concerted efforts have been undertaken by many researchers to develop polyvoltine breeds which are qualitatively and quantitatively superior to the existing ones. The review provides a consolidated account of the literature pertaining to the studies carried out in this direction over a period of many decades.

Key words: *Bombyx mori*, polyvoltine breeds.