

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF AGRO-FORESTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to promote agro-forestry and orchards in the country particularly in Jharkhand and Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y.NAIK)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Department of Land Resources is implementing a Central Sector Scheme since 1993-94 on Technology Development Extension and Training for Development of Non-Forest Wastelands. Under this Scheme pilot projects are sanctioned to various State Agricultural Universities/ICAR Institutes for testing Agro- Forestry models in different Agro-climatic regions of the country. Gujarat Agricultural University, Banaskantha has been covered under this Scheme. Besides, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is implementing an All India Coordinated Research Project on Agro-Forestry in the country under which Gujarat Agricultural University, Sardar Krushi Nagar and Birsa Agriculture University, Ranchi have been covered. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture – Supplementation/Complementation of States' Efforts through Work Plans, assistance is being extended to all the State Governments including Jharkhand and Gujarat to take up diversified farming systems in the arable and non-arable lands in the identified watersheds in the Rainfed Areas as well as in the catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers. Under this scheme assistance is also being extended for the development of fruits in country.

(c): Does not arise.