

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION AND CULTIVATION OF BAMBOO

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any plans to encourage bamboo production and cultivation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any targets have been set up to enhance bamboo cultivation for the next three years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any financial assistance is proposed to be provided to State Governments for this purpose; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bamboo plantation has already been declared as one of the Thrust Areas since 1999-2000 and projects solely for Bamboo Plantations are sanctioned under the centrally sponsored scheme of Non-Timber Forest produce including Medicinal Plants. So far, 21 such projects have been sanctioned with an outlay of Rs 20.85 crores for treating an area of 30163 hectares during the 9th Plan.

(c) to (f) The 10th Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised.