GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2336 ANSWERED ON:03.12.2007 NATIONAL BAMBOO MISSION Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Bamboo Mission has been implemented in all the States for conservation of wood and protection of environment;
- (b) if so, the achievements of the National Bamboo Mission till date;
- (c) whether public partnership and Industrial participation is proving helpful in the implementation of the Mission; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a&(b): The National Bamboo Mission of this Department has been implemented in 25 States in the country with an objective to promote the growth of the bamboo sector through area based regionally differentiated strategies and to increase the coverage of area under bamboo in potential areas, etc. So far, an amount of Rs.98.93 crore has been released to various States and as per their initial reports, an area of 21234 ha. has been brought under bamboo plantation, 5217 ha. existing stock improved, 220 Nurseries established, 1199 farmers/ entrepreneurs trained. Besides, State-level workshops/demonstration, etc. were conducted.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The partnership has been useful in setting up nurseries, raising bamboo plantations and training of farmers/entrepreneurs in bamboo cultivation.