

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:278
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2011
BAMBOO CULTIVATION
Meghe Shri Datta Raghobaji

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area of land under bamboo cultivation in the country and the total production of bamboo during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken steps to promote bamboo cultivation and provide assistance to the States in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose during the above period, State-wise including Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 278 DUE FOR REPLY ON 15TH MARCH, 2011.

(a) to (c): As per the report "National Mission on Bamboo Technology and Trade Development" published by the Planning Commission (April, 2003), 8.96 million hectare of forest area of the country is covered by bamboo. Production of bamboo during each of the last three years and the current year, state-wise, as reported by the State Governments, is placed at Annexure – I.

The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme called National Bamboo Mission in 27 States for promoting cultivation of bamboo in the country since 2006-07. This Scheme adopts area-based, regionally-differentiated strategies. Assistance provided to the States for promoting cultivation of bamboo under the Scheme during 2007-08 to 2010-11, State-wise, including Maharashtra, is given in Annexure-II.