

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3253  
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BAMBOO CULTIVATION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total area of land under bamboo cultivation in the North-Eastern States 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 North-Eastern States in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose during the above period, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a): As per the report "National Mission on Bamboo Technology and Trade Development" published by the Planning Commission (April, 2003), 3.19 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 in North Eastern States, as reported by the State Governments, is placed at Annexure – I.
- (b) & (c): The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme called National Bamboo Mission in 27 States for promoting cultivation of bamboo since 2006- 07. This Scheme adopts area-based, regionally-differentiated strategies. Assistance provided to the North-Eastern States for promoting cultivation of bamboo under the Scheme during 2008-09 to 2011-12, State-wise, is given in Annexure-II.