

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL BAMBOO MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the objectives of the National Bamboo Mission have been achieved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, specifically the growth of employment generation for skilled and unskilled workers during the last three years;
- (c) the funds allocated and disbursed for promotion of employment in the bamboo sector during the said period; and
- (d) the details of the productivity of bamboo per hectare both in forest and non-forest land, in all the States and targeted area under the Mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a)to (c): National Bamboo Mission (NBM) was initiated in 2006-07 for undertaking holistic development of bamboo sector in the country. Having completed basic tasks relating to creation of administrative set up etc.; significant achievements have progressively been made since 2007-08 in the establishment of nurseries (for mass production of seedlings), area expansion, improvement of existing stock, technology transfer and human resource development. The employment generation being only a concomitant outcome of the various activities promoted under the Mission, no separate estimates of employment growth of skilled and unskilled workers on account of NBM activities are available. Separate funds are not earmarked under NBM for promoting growth of employment specifically.

(d): As per the India State of Forest Report, 2011 (Forest Survey of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests), in trees outside forest area, the total number of culms estimated at national level is 2127 million with an equivalent weight of 10.20 million tonnes. The state-wise distribution of bamboo area in recorded forest and its equivalent green weight by soundness of culms in recorded forest, estimated therein, are given at annexure `A` and `B` respectively.

As the mission was launched in the last quarter of 2006-07 and keeping in view bamboo`s relatively longer gestation period, it is yet premature to assess the productivity in the targeted area under the NBM.