

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF BAMBOO YARN
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has a plan to promote bamboo yarn as textile material, which is eco-friendly and can give extra income to bamboo cultivators across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) The quantity of bamboo used in the country for textile industry;
- (d) whether the Government provides grants for the research and development of bamboo textile;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether any institutes are working in this field; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a): Yes Madam. Bamboo & Cane Development Institute (BCDI) was set up at Agartala in 1974 by Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India with an objective to build and create technology driven design & product oriented excellence in the cane and bamboo sector. One of the latest developments in new fibre researches is the use of bamboo fibre in various textile products that has been used in construction materials, decorating items, furniture and high performance composite materials for years. Regenerated bamboo fibre is obtained from the bamboo plant, which is an abundance and cheap natural resource. The fibre and textile available in market is all imported. Once the plan is adopted and implemented, the Bamboo cultivators across the country with gain extra income.
- (b): Not applicable.
- (c): Not applicable
- (d): Not applicable
- (e): Not applicable
- (f): Yes Madam. Bamboo & Cane Development Institute (BCDI) is functioning in Agartala (Tripura) which has been set up by Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.
- (g): Not applicable.