

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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BAMBOO PLANTATION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of area in which bomboo has been planted in the country;
- (b) whether there has been considerable decline in cultivation of bamboo shoots in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to emphasize on increasing productivity and optimum utilization of existing resources for scientific management of Bamboo sector;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the details of funds allocated, released so far to various States during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a): The State wise details of the Plantation done under National Bamboo Mission since its inception i.e. 2006-07 are given in Annexure I. In addition to above, details of area approved for bamboo plantation under National Afforestation Programme Scheme of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change during last three years are given in Annexure II.

(b) & (c): The Forest Survey of India carries out regular assessment of forest and tree cover of the country in which data on Bamboo bearing area is also collected; but does not have any specific information regarding cultivation of bamboo shoots in the country. However as per India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2013 and ISFR 2011 the total bamboo bearing area in forest is 141,089 square kilometer and 139,577 square kilometer respectively.

(d) & (e): The objectives of the National Bamboo Mission among others are to enhance productivity and disseminate modern scientific knowledge. To achieve these objectives funds are provided for Research & Development of bamboo; apart from financial assistance provided to states for establishment of nurseries, rehabilitation of tissue culture units, improvement of existing stock, technology transfer & human resource development. Details of achievements made in these areas are given in Annexure III

(f): The State wise details of funds allocated, released so far for the last three years under National Bamboo Mission for various activities including plantation and funds released under National Afforestation Programme Scheme are given in Annexure IV and V respectively. Current year state-wise allocation under National Bamboo Mission has not been finalized.