

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3253
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. CONSTITUTION OF BAMBOO BOARD
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the share of India in the bamboo based world economy in terms of industry and employment etc.
- (b) whether the Government proposes to constitute a Bamboo Board with a view to have a concerted effort to multiply the resources, usage and economy based on bamboo; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a): As per the Planning Commission Report 'National Mission on Bamboo Technology and Trade Development'(April, 2003), the bamboo based world economy was in the range of US\$ 10 billion, which was expected to double by 2015. The share of India was Rs. 2000 crore which was expected to expand to the level of 26000 crore during the same period.
- (b): No such proposal is under consideration in this Ministry.
- (c): A number of schemes /projects on bamboo are already being implemented by different Ministries/ Departments.