

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

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SURVEY BY RUBBER BOARD
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Rubber Board has conducted any survey for identifying areas suitable for rubber cultivation in North- Eastern State including Arunachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total potential area and the districts identified in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any programme/scheme for rubber cultivation in the said area for employment and income generation in the North-Eastern States including Arunachal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) & (b): Rubber Board has conducted Survey and has identified 450,000 ha of land as suitable for rubber cultivation in North Eastern states. Area identified for rubber cultivation in Arunachal Pradesh is 25,000 ha. in the districts such as East Siang, West Siang, Lohit, Tirap, Pampumpare, East and West Kameng, Lower Dibang Valley, Chaglang and Lower Subsansiri.
- (c) & (d): Government has plans to promote rubber plantation in North-East including Arunachal Pradesh during the 12th Five Year Plan scheme. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is available to small farmers in North-East at the rate of Rs. forty one thousand per ha which includes Rs. thirty thousand as planting grant, Rs. five thousand as cost of planting material and Rs. six thousand for boundary protection. The rate of assistance is higher than that provided to growers in traditional rubber growing areas. The Scheme also includes free technical assistance by the Rubber Board to the growers.