

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BAMBOO TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of States engaged in bamboo trade along with the State leading in the trade;
- (b) whether India holds any rank in the global export market of bamboo;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating quantum and value of its export during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to prepare the requisite high standards and norms for the inter State transportation of bamboo and bamboo products so as to give impetus to bamboo based entrepreneurship and trade?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) There is a negligible exports of bamboo from India. As per the data of International network of Bamboo and Rattan, India stood at 16th rank in 2012 in terms of the value in US\$. The details of export of bamboo from India during last 3 years and current year is as under:

Year	Quantity in MT	Value in US\$
2011-12	136.41	96,375
2012-13	61.51	53,135
2013-14	30.73	68,436
2014-15	27.26	4,902

(Upto
September,
2014)

(Source: DGCI&S)

Germany is the prominent importer of Indian bamboos.

(d) With a view to harness the potential of bamboo crop, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) is implementing a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme called Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) in which National Bamboo Mission (NBM) is being implemented as a sub scheme. The Mission envisages promoting holistic growth of bamboo sector by adopting area-based, regionally differentiated strategy and to increase the area under bamboo cultivation and marketing. Under the Mission, steps have been taken to increase the availability of quality planting material by supporting the setting up of new nurseries and strengthening of existing ones. To address forward integration, the Mission is taking steps to strengthen marketing of bamboo products, especially those of handicraft items. The objectives of the Mission are as under: -

To promote the growth of the bamboo sector through an area based regionally differentiated strategy;

To increase the coverage of area under bamboo in potential areas, with improved varieties to enhance yields;

To promote marketing of bamboo and bamboo based handicrafts;

To establish convergence and synergy among stake-holders for the development of bamboo;

To promote, develop and disseminate technologies through a seamless blend of traditional wisdom and modern scientific knowledge.

To generate employment opportunities for skilled and unskilled persons, especially unemployed