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Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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QUESTION

Training Centres for Bamboo/Cane

311: Ms. Pratima Bhoumik

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to setup more Vocational Training and Skill Development Centres for Cane and Bamboo for their full exploitation, branding, packaging and marketing in India and abroad and if so, the details thereof along with the state-wise details of the new centres; and

(b) whether the Government has put a ban on import of finished products and raised the import duty by 25 percent on raw bamboo items, if so, the details thereof and its impact on domestic bamboo?

ANSWER

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Dr. Jitendra Singh]

(a) National Bamboo Mission has identified three existing institutes viz (i) North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC), Guwahati, (ii) Indian Council of Forest Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun and (iii) Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI), Peechi, Kerala and NECBDC has established five institutes which impart skill development in cane and bamboo sectors as under:

- (i) Training-cum-Production Centre, Ukhrul, Manipur
- (ii) Bamboo Technology Park, Jote, Arunachal Pradesh
- (iii) Integrated Cane and Bamboo Development Project at Tamenglong, Manipur
- (iv) Incubation Centre at Sairang, Aizwal, Mizoram.
- (v) Incubation Centre at Hi-Bermiok, Berthang, Sikkim

At present, there is no plan to set up more centres.

- (b) Government has increased customs duty on bamboo for use in manufacture of agarbati from 10 per cent to 25 per cent, to encourage use of domestic bamboo. Government has not put a ban on import of finished bamboo products.
