

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1031
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BAMBOO DEPENDENT CONFERENCE
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government did not send any representatives to a bamboo-dependent conference held in Andhra Pradesh during 2002-2003;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government are active enough to help bamboo-dependent people;
- (d) if so, the extent thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to help such sections in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

- (a) Ministry is not aware of bamboo-dependent conference held in Andhra Pradesh during 2002-03
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c),(d)&(e) Yes, Sir. The Ministry after convening a meeting of Principal Chief Conservators of Forests of Bamboo-bearing states have submitted 20 proposals including that of Andhra Pradesh to Planning Commission for funding under National Mission on Bamboo Technology and Trade Development with one of the objectives to alleviate poverty and create employment particularly in rural sector. Ministry also ensures that in the afforestation projects funded by National Afforestation and Ecodevelopment Board, bamboo is one of the species planted.