

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

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

- (a) whether certain State Governments have sent project proposals regarding promotion of bamboo and its growth to the Union Government for clearance during the last three years and the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the location to be covered thereunder, State-wise; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard alongwith funds allocated for the same, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The areas selected for Bamboo Development Activities are spread throughout the various forest divisions of the States.

(c) Ministry of Agriculture is the Nodal Ministry for National Bamboo Mission. However, project proposals received from the State Governments have been forwarded to the Planning Commission for funding, as there is no scheme in the Ministry of Environment and Forests under which the proposed projects could be funded. State Governments have further been advised to include the components of their projects in the respective Forest Development Agency (FDA) projects for central funding under the National Afforestation Programme of the Ministry.