

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:723

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BAMBOO MISSION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved the launch of a new centrally sponsored National Bamboo Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the central share in it;
- (c) the area proposed to be covered under the scheme, States/Union territory-wise;
- (d) the funds allocated for the purpose during the current financial year;
- (e) whether the Union Government has constituted any National Level Apex Committee to review the projects being implemented under the scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs in its meeting held on 27th October, 2006 approved the National Bamboo Mission of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. This is a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 100% assistance of the centre, to be implemented across the country at a total cost of Rs.568.23 crores during the current financial year of the Xth Plan and next four years of the XIth Five Year Plan.

(c): The Mission is envisaged to cover an area of 2.12 lakh ha. including 0.36 lakh ha. under senile plantations in 28 states. The state-wise area to be brought under bamboo plantation is being worked out.

(d): The scheme will be implemented across the country with a financial allocation of Rs.80.00 crores during the current financial year (2006-07).

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. A National Apex Committee is proposed to be constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Agriculture with Ministers of Forests, Textiles, Science and Technology, Commerce, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, Development of North Eastern Region, Small Scale Industries, Ministers of Forests / Agriculture / Horticulture from select States; Member

(Environment & Forests) in Planning Commission, and Experts as Members. Mission Director shall be the Member Secretary. The Committee will provide overall guidance, monitoring and review.