

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL BAMBOO MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the States where the National Mission on Bamboo Technology has been introduced;
- (b) the main objectives of the said mission;
- (c) whether the National Mission on Bamboo Technology is proposed to be extended to the non-producing States where the conditions are suitable for bamboo plantation;
- (d) if so, whether any feasibility study has been conducted in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly with reference to Orissa; and
- (f) the funds allocated for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, National Bamboo Mission, in all the 28 States of the country, including Orissa State. The main objectives of this Mission are:

- (1) To promote the growth of the bamboo sector through as an area based regionally differentiated strategy;
- (2) To increase the coverage of area under bamboo in potential areas, with improved species to enhance yields;
- (3) To promote marketing of bamboo and bamboo based handicrafts;
- (4) To establish convergence and synergy among stake-holders for the development of bamboo;
- (5) To promote develop and disseminate technologies through a seamless blend of traditional wisdom and modern scientific knowledge;
- (6) To generate employment opportunities for skilled and unskilled persons, especially unemployed youth.

(c) to (f): The National Bamboo Mission of this Department shall be implemented in all the 28 States, except Union Territories, in the country and, therefore, there is no proposal for conducting any feasibility study for extending the Mission to States not producing bamboo.