

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1604
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BAMBOO FLOWERING
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that bamboo flowering has been taking place in North Eastern States since 1998;
- (b) if so, the location-wise details thereof indicating the species of Bamboos;
- (c) whether due to bamboo flowering the rodent population multiplied resulting in large-scale destruction of agriculture crops in the year 2003 and famine like situation is occurring in Tamenglong district of Manipur;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to provide relief to the public of the area; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith funds spent on relief measures?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) So far the sporadic flowering of bamboo has been noticed at the following locations
- (c) Yes, Sir. The problem is more acute in Tamenglong district of the state and the state government has declared a 'natural calamity'.
- (d) The state government of Manipur has constituted a multi-disciplinary inter-departmental task force both at the state level and district level to constantly monitor the problem. The preventive/remedial measures and relief works are being carried out in the district with the Deputy Commissioner, Tamenglong as Chairman of district level task force.
- (e) Details of expenditure incurred on relief measures are being sought from the State Government.