

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FOREST UNDER BAMBOO FLOWERING
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent of forest under bamboo flowering;
- (b) the fund released for tackling bamboo flowering;
- (c) the estimated quantity of bamboo being rendered useless after bamboo flowering;
- (d) the quantity of bamboo extracted in Manipur before the onset of bamboo flowering;
- (e) the areas planned to be brought under Bamboo plantation during the current year and the amount sanctioned towards this programme during the current year;
- (f) whether any training in bamboo plantation was imparted to the villagers; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

- (a) The extent of forest under bamboo flowering is approximately 14,23,117 hectare in seven North-Eastern States.
- (b) The amount of fund released in different Financial Years (FY) for tackling bamboo flowering under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Ministry of Environment & Forests are:

FY 2005-06 = Rs 17.82 crores
FY 2006-07 = Rs 25.00 crores
FY 2007-08 = Rs 6.28 crores

- (c)&(d) After flowering, Bamboo gets dried up and majority become useless. Quantity of bamboo extracted in Manipur before the onset of bamboo flowering is about 21,37,278 numbers.
- (e) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, proposed allocation for the current financial year is Rs. 27 crores for various activities which includes plantations also.
- (f)&(g) There is provision in the National Bamboo Mission to impart training to farmers/ entrepreneurs. Beside the State Governments, the training is imparted to target groups by the Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre, who have been nominated as Bamboo Technical Support Group under the Mission.