

Title: Need to set up a Bamboo Centre of Excellence in Idukki district of Kerala.

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE (IDUKKI): Government of Kerala had submitted a proposal for setting up of a Bamboo Centre of Excellence in Kerala with an objective for creating employment opportunities through technology transfer, up-gradation of traditional bamboo technology, design inputs with respect to disaster resistant bamboo construction, pre-fabricated/pre-cast construction and for creating a feeder for availability of the required raw material for construction of housing through production of various types of low cost, eco-friendly, innovative and energy efficient building components. These activities are to be carried out through the involvement of Self-Help Groups and local artisans by training them.

I request the Government to set up the Centre in Idukki district of Kerala, which is traditionally known for its Bamboo wealth.