

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3397
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01st APRIL, 2022

EFFECTIVE UTILISATION OF WASTE FROM BAMBOO

3397. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of increasing demand from Bamboo industry and Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to lift the export prohibition on bamboo charcoal;
- (b) if so, whether Government is considering to lift the export ban on this;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government is aware of the effective utilisation of waste from bamboo, by countries such as China; and
- (e) if so, the reasons for Government's reluctance in implementing such cost effective methods?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) to (c): Department is in receipt of representations, including from Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), seeking amendment in the export policy of bamboo charcoal, shoots etc.
Export Policy of Bamboo products made from bamboo obtained from legal source; (except bamboo charcoal, bamboo pulp and unprocessed bamboo shoots) is 'Free' subject to the condition that (1) exporter has proper documentation/Certificate of Origin (CoO) proving that the bamboo used for making products has been obtained from legal sources and (2) the CoO is issued by the concerned State Forest Department/Agriculture Department from where bamboo has been procured by the purchaser for making handicrafts/machine made products.
- (d) & (e): In order to effectively utilize waste from bamboo, under National Bamboo Mission (NBM) Scheme, 50% assistance of project cost subject to max Rs. 25 lakhs as credit linked back ended subsidy is being granted to private sector or farmers through States/UTs concerned for management of bamboo waste in primary processing units with a view to encourage making of value added products like pellets & activated carbon.
