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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2231
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31ST JULY, 2018

BAMBOO PRODUCTION

2231. DR. BHAGIRATH PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the strategy of the Government to enhance bamboo production in the country, after deleting bamboo from the definition of tree under the Indian Forest Act;
- (b) whether the Government has identified areas for potential bamboo plantation in waste lands of the country;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to assist the farmers to grow Bamboo in public/private lands to augment the income of the farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SEKHAWAT)

(a): The main strategy of the Government to enhance bamboo production in the country after deleting bamboo from definition of tree under Section 2 (7) of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 has been the launch of the restructured National Bamboo Mission (NBM) this year. The main objectives of NBM include increasing the area under bamboo plantation in Non forest Government and private (farmers) lands. The complete value chain will be addressed starting from production, productivity enhancement, good agronomic practices, preservation, processing, product development, and marketing in an integrated manner adopting a cluster approach, thereby linking producers (farmers) to markets.

(b): The States implementing NBM propose such areas for plantation in their Annual Action Plans placed before the Executive Committee of NBM.

(c) & (d): NBM assists setting up of nurseries by both Government & private sector. There is provision also for assisting bamboo plantations on non-forest Government, Panchayat, Community lands including waste lands as well as block and boundary plantations on farmers fields to supplement farm income.
