

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3370
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.07.2019

National Bamboo Mission

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware about failure of National Bamboo Mission with regard to conservation of forest reserves in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details of diminishing rate of forest reserves per year for last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed any Central Team to enquire into such decline of forest reserve and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Assam for conservation of forest reserves; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) The restructured National Bamboo Mission, launched in April 2018, is implemented only on non-forest Government land and private farmers' fields. Assam is one of the States where this scheme is being implemented. However, prior to this, a total area of 17591 hectares in forest areas in the State of Assam was covered under the Mission.
- (b) & (c) As per the latest India State of Forest Report (ISFR) -2017 published by Forest Survey of India, Dehradun, the total forest cover of Assam State is 21,105 square kilometre which is 35.83% of total geographical area of the State. The forest cover of Assam has increased by 567 square kilometre as compared to that of ISFR-2015.
- (d) & (e) Yes, the Government of Assam from time to time has been submitting proposals under various schemes for protection and conservation of forests and protected areas in Assam such as Project Tiger, Project Elephant, Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme, National Afforestation Programme, Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat Programme, Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation (Externally Aided), CAMPA etc.
