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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3710
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH JULY, 2019

NATIONAL BAMBOO MISSION

3710. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHANA RAJU:

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up or reconstituted the National Bamboo Mission (NBM) to focus on this sector and for establishing an effective linkage of producers with industry, if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereof;
- (b) whether it is true that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has also approved the scheme during its recent meeting if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has initiated any project targeting the development and trade of bamboo resources, if so, the action plan drawn to promote start-ups for bamboo products;
- (d) the financial assistance extended by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year for promotion of Bamboo products;
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide cheaper bamboo products in the country; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to popularize the use of bamboo products by common man of the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Yes sir. The restructured National Bamboo Mission (NBM) has been launched in 2018-19 to focus on the development of complete value chain of bamboo sector and link growers with markets. Major objectives of the Mission are:

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1. To increase the area under bamboo plantation in non forest Government and private lands to supplement farm income and contribute towards resilience to climate change as well as availability of quality raw material for industries.
2. To improve post-harvest management through establishment of innovative primary processing units near the source of production, primary treatment and seasoning plants, preservation technologies and market infrastructure.
3. To promote product development keeping in view market demand, by assisting R&D, entrepreneurship & business models at micro, small and medium levels and feed bigger industry.
4. To rejuvenate the under developed bamboo industry in India.
5. To promote skill development, capacity building, awareness generation for development of bamboo sector from production to market demand.
6. To re-align efforts so as to reduce dependency on import of bamboo and bamboo products by way of improved productivity and suitability of domestic raw material for industry, so as to enhance income of the primary producers.

Budget Estimate for the year 2019-20 is Rs. 150.00 crores.

(b): Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved restructured National Bamboo Mission (NBM) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in its meeting held on 25.04.2018.

(c): The activities under NBM are approved as per the Annual Action Plans received from the State Governments. The operational guidelines of NBM provide inter alia assistance for treatment, establishment of markets, incubation centres, value added product development and processing, development of tools & equipments, research & development, both in the Government and Private Sector which would include start ups also.

Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) is implemented by the M/o Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME). It envisages providing need-based assistance for replacement of production equipment, setting up of common facility centres (CFC), product development, quality improvement, improved marketing, training and capacity building. Under the scheme, 12 bamboo related clusters have been approved in 8 States.

(d): Year wise details of financial assistance provided in last three years under erstwhile National Bamboo Mission (upto year 2017-18) & restructured National Bamboo Mission (from year 2018-19) for development of Bamboo/ Bamboo Products is as under:-

Year	Released Amount (Lakh Rs.)
2016-17	1689.38
2017-18	1052.54
2018-19	15003.13
2019-20 (as on 30.06.2019)	1248.76

(e): Considering the need and demand from bamboo based stakeholders and to provide cheaper bamboo products to the consumers, the Government has reduced GST on bamboo furniture & bamboo flooring to 12%. The Mission also envisages establishment of primary processing units close to the production area to reduce transportation costs and complete utilization of bamboo to move towards zero wastage so as to improve economies of entrepreneurs and lower costs to consumers.

(f): For popularizing use of bamboo & bamboo based products, seminars, conferences, awareness campaign etc. at National, State & District Levels are regularly conducted under the restructured NBM. Awareness is also created through print and electronic media and participation of NBM in fairs national & international fairs.
