GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4999 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2019

PROMOTION OF BAMBOO CULTIVATION

4999. SHRIMATI RANJAN BEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

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

- (a) whether the Government is seriously considering to promote bamboo farming;
- (b) if so, whether any steps has been taken by the Government so far in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): 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. NBM provide assistance for propagation and cultivation of bamboo in non forest, Government & Private Lands, bamboo treatment, establishment of markets, incubation centres, value added product development and processing, development of tools & equipments, research & development, both in the Government and Private Sectors. The funding pattern is 60:40 between Centre and State Govt. for all States excepting NE & Hilly states, where it is 90:10 and 100% in case of Union Territories/ R&D Institutes/ Bamboo Technology Support Groups (BTSGs) and National Level Agencies.

Major objectives of the Mission are to increase the area under bamboo plantation in non forest Government and private lands to supplement farm income, improve post-harvest management, primary treatment and seasoning, preservation technologies and market infrastructure, product development, rejuvenate the under developed bamboo industry, promote skill development, re-align efforts to reduce dependency on import of bamboo and bamboo products etc.

During the year 2018-19, a total of Rs. 150.03 crore had been released to States & Bamboo Technical Support Groups.

(d): Does not arise.