

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2259
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14th MARCH, 2023

PLANTATION OF AGARWOOD

2259. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote the plantation of Agarwood to double the income of farmers in the North-East including Assam and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to declare the Minimum Support Price for Agarwood; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a separate policy covering subjects from the farming, marketing of production and setting up industries for Agarwood and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Agarwood (*Aquilaria malaccensis*) is a precious bio-resource of North-East India. Agarwood is the dark coloured, resin-impregnated heartwood formed in agar trees upon infection of some particular fungi. As on date, there is no separate Scheme for the development of agarwood and no Minimum Support Price (MSP) has been proposed by Government of India. The Governor of Assam notified "*The Assam Agarwood Promotion Policy 2020*" in the Assam Gazette on dated 11th January 2021, No. Cl.127/2020/70. "The Policy is in effect from 1st January, 2021 and will remain in force for a period of 5 (five) years".
