

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3141
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH AUGUST, 2023

SUPPORT FOR BAMBOO AND CANE ARTISANS

3141: SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to set up Vocational Training and Skill Development Centres in southern States of the country especially in Andhra Pradesh for promoting Bamboo and Cane artisans;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish new bamboo clusters in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government is implementing any national schemes for the promotion and marketing of bamboo and Cane Products within and outside the country for the benefit of Bamboo and Cane artisans; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India is implementing the restructured National Bamboo Mission (NBM) from the year 2018-19. The Scheme is Operational in 23 States including Andhra Pradesh and Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir where it has social, commercial and economical advantage. NBM has components for Skill Development for training farmers, artisans, field functionaries and entrepreneurs. Further, provision is there for the establishment

of Common Facility Centres for Production and Development of Bamboo Products. So far, 16656 persons including bamboo artisans have been trained and 33 Common Facility Centres have been established under the NBM.

(c) & (d): The NBM is envisaged to focus on development of complete value chain to link growers with consumers starting from planting material, plantation and creation of facilities for collection, aggregation, processing, marketing and brand building initiative in a cluster approach mode. So far, the Andhra Pradesh State Bamboo Mission (APSBM) has not proposed to form any bamboo clusters in the State.

(e) & (f): NBM has provision for establishing infrastructure for marketing of bamboo and bamboo products. So far, 7 bamboo mandis, 32 Rural Haat, and 50 Bamboo Bazaar have been established under NBM. The NBM and the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) together launched a dedicated bamboo window on the GeM portal for the e-marketing of bamboo goods and services.
