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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2980
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH MARCH, 2025

BAMBOO CULTIVATION IN ASSAM

2980: SHRI AMARSING TISSO:

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

- (a) whether the Government has data on the expansion of bamboo cultivation in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its subsequent impact on the rural livelihoods;
- (c) whether dedicated initiatives have been launched to promote bamboo-based industries, including financial and technical support for artisans and entrepreneurs, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken to expand domestic and international markets for Assam's bamboo products?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्यमंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Under the restructured National Bamboo Mission (NBM), 10 Nos. of bamboo nurseries have been established in Assam since 2018-19 for raising quality planting materials, through which the sapling production capacity has increased to 2.5 lakh per annum. Since then, an area of 1856 ha has been brought under bamboo cultivation in the state. Further, the total bamboo-bearing area of Assam in recorded forests has increased from 10,659 sq. km in 2021 to 11246 sq. km in 2023.

(c) & (d): The restructured NBM, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme focuses on the development of a complete bamboo value chain to link growers with consumers, starting from planting material, plantation, and creation of facilities for collection, aggregation, processing, marketing, and brand-building initiatives. Financial assistance and technical support are provided to the farmers, artisans, and entrepreneurs. The pattern of assistance for establishing bamboo based value addition units under NBM is given at Annexure I.

A dedicated page for bamboo products has been created on the GeM portal for marketing bamboo products. Further, the State Bamboo Missions, including Assam, are organizing awareness campaigns, seminars, workshops, bamboo fests and trade fairs to support the artisans and entrepreneurs in expanding the market for their products.

Annexure I to the LSUSQ No. 2980

Pattern of assistance being provided to artisans and entrepreneurs to set up value addition units under the scheme (as per Operational Guidelines of NBM)

Sl. No	Activities	Indicative Cost limit (Rs. in lakh or as mentioned), 10% Additional to NER	Pattern of Assistance
A.	Primary Processing and Aggregation		
i.	Establishment of bamboo treatment and seasoning plants	25 (Project based)	100% of cost to Govt. For Private Sector 50% of project cost subject to maximum upto indicative cost.
ii.	Establishment of bamboo depots and godowns	60 (PB)	100% of cost in Govt. sector. 25% assistance for private sectors subject to maximum upto indicative cost.
iii.	Common facility Centre (CFC) / Processing unit	50 (PB)	100% of cost in Govt. sector. 50% assistance for private sectors subject to maximum upto indicative cost.
B.	Innovative Interventions including MSME/manufacturing units/ Integrated Bamboo Park	Rs. 18 lakh to Rs. 500 lakh	100% of cost to Govt. For Private Sector 50% of cost for component projects upto Rs. 1 Cr and 30% for component project cost above Rs. 1 Cr limited to the maximum indicative component cost.
i.	Establishment of processing units for value addition of Bamboo (in Nos.)	40 (PB)	
ii.	Handicrafts / Cottage industry & life style products	25 (PB)	
iii.	Furniture making	30 (PB)	
iv.	Jewellery making	18 (PB)	
v.	Bamboo Food Processing	30 (PB)	
vi.	Incense stick making	40 (PB)	
vii.	Bamboo Charcoal (Small & medium scale)/Biochar making unit	40 (PB)	
viii.	Beauty & Wellness products	25 (PB)	
ix.	Scaling up of emerging technology [An MoU between the entrepreneur/Sectoral Government Research Institution with State Bamboo Mission may be made]	50 (PB)	

x.	Upgradation of existing Small Units	20 (PB)	
xi	Fibre / Fabric extraction	60 (PB)	
xii.	Bamboo board/ mat products/ corrugated sheets/ floor-wall tiles/ laminates/lumber/particle board/ MDF/Orient Strand Board (OSB)/etc	500(PB)	
xiii.	Compressed Bio Energy extraction [As per the Norms of MNRE scheme of Waste to Energy and BioGassifiers]	200 (PB)	
xiv.	Activated Carbon product making/ large scale charcoal production (2-3 T per batch)	240 (PB)	
xv.	Bamboo Pellets, granules, Composite and molded products	500 (PB)	
xvi	Upgradation of Existing Medium and Large Units	200 (PB)	
C.	Promotion and Development of Infrastructure for Bamboo Market		100% of cost in Govt. sector. 25% assistance in private sector subject to maximum upto indicative cost.
i.	Promotion of bamboo mandi (bamboo market place) and e-trading in Govt. sector/private sector	120 (PB)	
ii.	Bamboo bazaar/bamboo haats/ retail outlet.	25 (PB)	
iii.	Bamboo Construction (Furniture, building, house hold etc.)	25 Lakhs/structure(PB)	100% For Government Constructions only.
D.	Skill Development		As per approved rates of the premier training institutions/ sector skill councils under Skill India Programme. The rates for various types of training as per the PMKVY guidelines may be referred during submission of the proposal]
1.	Training/ Exposure visit of Farmers/Artisans//Entrepreneurs/ field functionaries/ NBM staff/ Officers.	Project based as per the approved rates of the Govt./public institute	
i.	Within the State	Rs.1000/person/ day or as per the approved rates	100% assistance.
ii.	Outside the State	Project based	100% assistance. For maximum 7 days.
iii	Outside the India	Upto Rs. 1.50 lakh / Participant	Course fee cost to be funded under Mission Management. Assistance @ 100% of economic air/rail travel.

E.	IEC: Seminars/Conferences/ Workshops/exhibitions/ Bamboo Fest/Trade Fair etc. (Upto 5% of allocation)		
1.	Participation/ Sponsoring of Farmers/Artisans/SHGs/ Entrepreneurs/ innovators etc.		100%for Govt.
i.	International level	Project based maximum upto Rs.10 lakh per event	
ii.	National level	Project based maximum upto Rs.6 lakh per event	
iii.	State level	Project based maximum upto Rs.3 lakh per event	
2	Organizing/ Sponsoring Seminars/Conferences/Workshops/exhibitions/Bamboo Fest/Trade Fair		100% for Govt./Industrial Association/ bodies.
i.	National level	Project based maximum upto Rs.30 lakh per event of 2 days program.	
ii	State level	Project based maximum upto Rs.10 lakh per event of 2 days program.	
