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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2812 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH MARCH, 2016

AGRO-FORESTRY

2812. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is contemplating to utilise agro-forestry to reduce the effects of climate change;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any action in this regard so far; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

किष एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Agroforestry is being promoted as farming system approach under agriculture development programmes of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. Under the Rainfed Area Development (RAD) component of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), specific clusters on Agroforestry based farming system are taken up. Besides, trees on farm are promoted through Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) subscheme National Agroforestry & Bamboo Mission (NABM).

To give specific focus towards Agroforestry, a National Agroforestry policy was formulated and approved by the Cabinet in 2014. An Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) has been constituted to take forward the recommendations of the policy.
