

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3748
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th AUGUST, 2026

NATIONAL BAMBOO MISSION

3748. DR MANNA LAL RAWAT:

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

- (a) the details of the National Bamboo Mission being implemented by the Government;
- (b) the details of the beneficiaries benefited under this Mission implemented by the Government to promote bamboo cultivation in the country, State and year-wise;
- (c) whether any research has been conducted by the Government regarding bamboo cultivation on desert land;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to promote bamboo cultivation under the National Bamboo Mission in the State of Rajasthan; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): The restructured National Bamboo Mission (NBM) has been launched as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in 2018-19. It focuses on developing the entire bamboo value chain, linking growers with consumers through planting material, plantation, collection, aggregation, processing, marketing and brand-building initiatives in a cluster approach. The scheme is being implemented in non-forest Government land, private farmer's field and also in Patta land of Forest Rights Act (FRA) 2006.

(b): As per the information provided by the State Governments, the details of beneficiaries, State wise and year wise is at annexure-I

(c) & (d): The Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agriculture University (SKRAU), Bikaner, Rajasthan has conducted research on bamboo cultivation under arid agro-climatic conditions (desert land). The research focused on the identification of suitable bamboo species and optimum plant spacing for arid ecosystems conditions, evaluation of drip/micro-irrigation and fertigation techniques, propagation through seed and vegetative methods and assessment of plant growth parameters under arid conditions.

The research findings indicate that species such as *Bambusa balcooa* is more suitable followed by *Dendrocalamus hamiltonii* and certain other drought-tolerant species. *Bambusa vulgaris*, *Bambusa ventricose*, *Bambusa bambos*, *Dendrocalamus strictus* and *Bambusa nutans* have shown adaptability under limited irrigation and suitable management practices in arid and semi-arid regions.

(e) & (f): The National Bamboo Mission is operational in Rajasthan from the financial year 2025-26. An annual action plan for an amount of Rs. 303.79 lakh has been approved during FY 2026-27 for bamboo plantation and other activities.

Annexure to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3748 due for answer on 11.08.2026.

Annexure-I				
State wise, year wise beneficiaries details under National Bamboo Mission during last three years (2023-24 to 2025-26)				
S. No.	Name of State	Number of Beneficiaries*		
		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	Andhra Pradesh	NI	348	1726
2	Bihar	NI	NI	2578
3	Chhattisgarh	1049	1360	1848
4	Gujarat	528	1174	467
5	Himachal Pradesh	NI	786	952
6	Karnataka	115	12	26
7	Kerala	22	32	-
8	Madhya Pradesh	3644	3110	2141
9	Maharashtra	-	1746	1037
10	Odisha	167	44	-
11	Rajasthan	NI	NI	270
12	Tamil Nadu	830	533	663
13	Telangana	80	51	151
14	Uttar Pradesh	13	29	13
15	Uttarakhand	18	41	17
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16	Arunachal Pradesh	813	1916	626
17	Assam	271	-	74
18	Manipur	105	66	190
19	Meghalaya	NI	74	209
20	Mizoram	254	50	143
21	Nagaland	823	830	100
22	Sikkim	16	28	11
23	Tripura	43	132	1585
*Note: Beneficiaries include farmers, artisans and Enpreneurs. NI: Not Implemented				
