

## **Bamboo Farming**

### **Development of Bamboo Farming**

NABARD has accorded special status for development of Bamboo farming in consonance with the action plan prepared by National Mission on Bamboo Technology and Trade Development for upgrading the bamboo economy. NABARD aims at developing bamboo farming, processing and marketing as a mainstream activity by changing 'forestry mindset' into 'farm mindset'. It is envisaged to provide credit support for development of bamboo over 1 lakh hectare with an estimated investment of Rs.200 crore annually. To streamline operational and policy issues, NABARD has taken following actions:-

A National Consultative Meet on Bamboo was organized by NABARD on 12 May, 2005 at HO, Mumbai. The Meet was attended by 170 participants, experts and major stakeholders including Planning Commission, Ministry of Forest and Environment, National Mission on Bamboo Application, INBAR, Bankers, Industries, NGOs and prominent training institutes engaged in bamboo development.

Constituted a 'Bamboo Cell' at its HO and Regional Offices

Prepared a document highlighting interventions to be undertaken in four broad areas, viz.,

1. Policy and promotion
2. Financial assistance
3. Capacity building
4. Net working coordination.
5. State specific strategy and action plan.