Literature Review on the Bamboo as a Sustainable Material for Interiors with its Potential and Market Assessment

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Abstract: Bamboo is one of the most fastest growing resources which provides wide opportunities as a cheap raw material to many sectors. Many industries are using bamboo as substitute raw material in different forms and while having a wide chain of demand and supply bamboo does not attain social status in many countries and still been considered as resource for poor class and named as “poor man timber”. This study is trying to find out the properties of the bamboo, it’s possible availability, optimum development done in field of construction and interiors and what are the drawbacks the bamboo industry is facing in its development and acceptability globally.

Index Terms - Bamboo, Sustainability, Bamboo Construction, Life Cycle Assessment.

I. Introduction

Bamboo one of the most versatile originated resources which is also known as the “gentleman” among other plants, as per the ancient history the species of the bamboo evolved between thirty million years ago. The major research about bamboo species was began after 1920 it is being said that the word bamboo is been originated from the Malay word “mambu” the Dutch named it “Bamboes” and then it got its neo Latin name “Bambusa”. As per the German Botanist Charles Kunth “of all the grasses, bamboo is the largest and the only one that can diversify into forest.” Bamboo is one the most sustainable resources which is been used for the production of more than 1500 of products from a tiny toothpick to constructing a building. Bamboo has always been known as “green gold” and one of the most sustainable and resistant resources than traditional timber. This literature review is focusing on the different use of bamboo from a constructional material in disaster prone areas to its use in making fabric which considered to be soft and tough like cotton. In this review the positive impact of bamboo is compared from wood and is been summarized by life cycle assessment (LCA) and why its products is been considered as Green Sustainable for Trade (GSFT). This review is also analyzing the Indian bamboo market, the impediments and issues this industry is facing and legislative measures need to be taken for its promotion.

II. Literature Review

1. Bamboo Uses and its Development:

Bamboo is the perennial grass which is popular for its multipurpose uses from wide source of food material to building uses. Due to its multiple use bamboo possess an enormous potential to improve rural economy and be a sustainable building material. With the gradual advancement of the technology people forgetting the scope of bamboo. This Paper review the future and present role of bamboo in the economy of country.

Potential economic status of bamboo market needs good research. Many bamboo laboratories are been engaged in bamboo conservation such as Tropical botanical garden and research institute has 48 species while Kerala research institute has 45 species. Many government institute has introduced modular courses to develop skills of producing bamboo products among the people. Government Legislation are formed for Keeping a mind frame of harnessing the maximum benefits of bamboo crops, Indian government are implementing schemes with mutual support of people. The bamboo has huge employment potential of employing 10 million people annually. Women are majorly being associated in some craft industries and 68 million tribal population depends on the exploitation of non-timber forests. India covers 8.96 million hectares’ bamboo forests which produce occupies 129 million jobs or even more. In global market India contributes only 4.5% while china shares 50% of commercial production which shows that being one of the largest producers of bamboo the contribution is very low globally (Gupta and Ranjan 2016).

The paper is discussing how the bamboo which is been known as most versatile material with various inputs in building material, paper pulp resources, scaffolding, weaving material, basketry and medicines can be converted in the main raw material for construction. With new industrial application and modern construction design it has been demonstrated that bamboo has huge potential. If the combined value of Bamboo is evaluated around the world, it comes 50000 crores annually which is expected to get doubled in future. The lack of awareness and antiquated legislation inhibited the bamboo based industrialization. The journal states that the biggest impediments towards the bamboo based sector is irregular and scant supply to the entrepreneurial use. An efficient regulatory institution is essentials for market to grow in a sustainable manner. Transaction cost must be minimal and information availability is maximal with clear focus maintaining forest cover. The bamboo industry is being caught under the antiquated forest laws. Therefore, it is needed that industrialization of bamboo sector can provide huge link to the rural sector. Despite having detailed estimates on the sizes and the market segments of the bamboo based industry, the appropriateness and reliability of the market
potential along with the availability and method of estimating is circumspect. The process of consultation is needed with the stakeholder, people associated with resources use, including government officials and representative from the various bamboo based industry. However, the viable entrepreneurial activity of any bamboo based product, will be market trend to provide the supply and demand linkages and its only then livelihood benefits will be possible (Jamatia 2012).

1.1 Sustainability Aspects:
This paper studies the environmental aspects of bamboo as a building material, its social and economic aspects to understand its sustainability. Being one of the cheap and durable material it has been suitably developed as a modern construction material. Using bamboo in housing projects is a source of income for people who are involved in bamboo cultivation. Traditional construction technology has been transferred from generation to generation and has become an integral part of socio-culture. Revival of such technology and further its development and transferring the updated technology to the people who are already familiar that it is a key to success of bamboo sustainability.

For economic and social suitability basic necessities is ecological development. As per the research, it was stated that bamboo construction is required to promote suitability because of its environmental benefits that can improve social economic standards. Bamboo though have potential to be a sustainable material but still this area requires more studies specially when it comes to social context. Bamboo is being considered for its superior seismic property which is being studied both theoretically and practically. However, studies for Bamboo as building material is still not been widely accepted and requires better understanding of the socio economic aspects of bamboo based construction and further studies should focus on built-in environment and comfort effect of bamboo based building construction (Manandhar, Kim and Kim 2019)

The journal is focusing on the sustainability aspects (economic, social and environmental) of bamboo and shifting from industries to cultivation. The higher demand of timber had led to its gradual depletion of the resources which are formulating a global warming and to overcome this issue industry are now focusing on use of substitute resource from nature for development of economical substructures. With wide uses and fast growing properties bamboo is sustainable alternative of wood. Its wide range of demand and uses add employment and income generation. The social context overviewed that how investment in bamboo industries helping in the livelihood of people and its benefits, risk and threats. The development in bamboo will add to the ecological balance, struggling industries and mostly up boost the social of life of the related people. The research showed that the planned and scientific approach to the cultivation. With large range of species, the biomass of bamboo is growing with Bamboo strength. The environment supportive resource Bamboo and the products from bamboo crossed the value of 100 million in global trade. Its serves as an alternative to soft and hard wood. The weakness of bamboo is availability in techniques for reproducing of bamboo seeds. It is perishable after its harvesting so its require proper preservation methods. Bamboo is a heterogeneous material and with properties varying among species to species. Bamboo is a highly opportunistic materials and can reinstate products with fossil fuels and chemicals. Replacement of all the needs of timber can be catered with the bamboo and can deploy the pressure on forest eco system. The main threat is demand for bamboo product which leads to the depleting Bamboo resources. The up boost infrastructure act as barrier for controlling of flood, and arresting soil from eroding. In Africa however bamboo can’t eradicate all the problems of sustainability like (social, economic and environmental). Switching to bamboo resources will improve stabilization in development of its economic structure (Akwada and Akinlabi 2016).

1.2 Potential Uses:
This paper is showcasing the facts of the potentiality and properties of the Bamboo as the building material and its comparison with the conventional building material available around the world, construction activity consumes a lot of material and monetary resources, so bamboo can be added as a main construction material which can reduce the bills and add profits to the clients, good jobs and returns opportunity to the farmers producing bamboo. The most important and significant aspect of bamboo is that it can reduce the “carbon foot print” as Bamboo is known Natural material with low energy and can menace the global warming. It is a natural sustainable material which require nature friendly preservation methods so we can minimize the use of chemical that are harsh for nature. Bamboo can be shaped to any free flowing form that can add to a meaningful architecture. The author important aspects of this paper is to present the awareness among the people through the academic platform and draw the attention of all the common people and construction stake holders (Chaurasia 2019)

The journal concentrates to the ascertain the several timber products influence to global warming. The two techniques involved were: the quantification of greenhouse gas of several representative of wood based product and the integral environment aspects. The products were divided into indoor and outdoor products which is been sub distinguished into convertible pieces of furniture, a head board accessories and non-convertible wooden wall playground etc. According to the assessment results; metal, board and energy are considered the maximum impact more than 39% to 90%. As per journal, manufacturing of woods based material such as boards and panels are one of the important process combined with energy production in almost all item. The transport of inputs to the factory and metal production is majorly depending on the products and improvement alternatives for each product under assessment to be set out in the short term (González-García , et al. 2011).

1.3 Strength:
The researchers in this journal are discussing the structural strength of Dendrocalamusuper and Gigantochloa (bamboo Species) with local traditional wood. He has followed the experimental studies with dry bamboo stripes and oil palm trunk were they are being processed into thin laminates to produce Bamboo oil palm trunk veneer and bio composites. It has been studied that bamboo furniture are more resistant than traditional wooden furniture. The results also define strong correlation of bamboo hybrid under
The paper discusses the environmental behavior of material in such a way that it can be incorporated directly into a multi criteria decision problem solving. The paper discuss life assessment method tested in parallel and applied to different polymer material used for packaging. The journal aim was to study the needed to perform analysis when an order process of selecting material and to enhance environmental performance of product. To select the product variety of segments, it has to be kept in mind such as cost properties, performance environmental aspect etc. LCA incorporated environmental aspects should be used in designing a product. As per designer, obtaining indication to analyze and evaluate the environmental behavior of material which can be incorporated into multi criteria decision. The author supported the paper with simple examples to perform a sensitive analysis on material selection. Solving the problem of selecting material by using environmental score (Bovea et al. 2004).

1.4 Comparison of Bamboo and Wood:
The journal demonstrates comparison of bamboo and wood. The positive impact of bamboo has been summarized and evaluated by life cycle assessment (LCA). The comparison of bamboo and wood have been detailed and the writers could conclude that product made of bamboo has comparatively less eco-cost than hard wood. Even bamboos that are been imported from Europe have less eco-cost than locally available soft wood. The yield of bamboo is high as compared to the other wood. The Bamboo stem is a sustainable solution for local application. The main hurdle is the transport distance so that local species proves to be more sustainable solution. Some bamboo products developed and commercially available in Europe are: Industrial bamboo in Europe in form of plywood and SWB (Strand Woven Bamboo). Bamboo as an excellent source of biofuel and second grade Bamboo products – Mdf Board and Panel Board are the good for the local use but of cannot complete in the European market of soft wood (Vogtländer, Van Der Lugt and Brezet 2010).

This paper presents a criterion for selecting material with low environmental impact. The LCA (Life Cycle Assessment) methodology has been applied for wood-based material. In comparison to wood-based board, the standard particleboard has lower environmental impact than Standard Fiber Board. The particle board with low formaldehyde is more preferred due to partial replacement of Urea formaldehyde (UF) resin by Melamine Formaldehyde (MF) resin. Additional process such as cutting and machining are needed to transform the board for making furniture. For surface covering the low density laminate is preferred than high density laminate The most impactful stage for raw material are its acquiring time and production which total impact (59.8% and 37.1%). The paper state that from the life cycle perspective, it is important to consider the environmental impact and the entire cycle of the veneer incorporated to the board, additional processes are needed to treat the wood veneer surface (Bovea and Gallardo 2006).

The researcher in this paper aiming for comprehensive study on type of materials that uphold on choosing a sustainable material. Studying the chain of Green Sustainable Fair Trade (GSFT) products supply and demand for the developing adequate design. In instance the desk research of presently available GSFT material was carried. Finally, brief structured interactions with the retailers were carried. The analysis depicted that products of GSFT available at present like material treatments for ceiling and roof surface including fabrics and window treatments can be sourced from retail outlets. About the Knowledge of ESID Researcher has also elaborated that designers have accepted it but not translated it to processing. The main issues that is been discussed that the green sustainable fair trade product are available for ESID but how these material should be promoted for given sustainable credentials and how designer and public can avail them. The solution is better and complete awareness of sustainability through promotion. The researcher also discusses the difficulties to find out Provence of the material. By the use of external resources and better material the product selection and comparison can be made effectively. Some solution also been discussed which need to be improvised such as “Green Shelter” for products, Eco labels which could promote awareness and can become a major remarkable footprint for promoting awareness. Therefore environment sustainability require significant change in the value and behavior of interior designer and common sources adaptability (Hayles 2015).

1.5 Application in Construction and Interior:
This paper states the application of bamboo elements and its interaction with interior design. Researcher of this paper briefly analyze how bamboo can be integrated into contemporary modern design, as it is fastest acceptable material by designer and has been widely used in environmental protection and green building construction. The paper is also discussing the deficiency in application of bamboo and the challenges of how to make bamboo a separate design element rather than simply a visually appealing material. In the specific indoor space environment, it is necessary to feel bamboo uses and expand the knowledge to common people so that bamboo can be further broadly elaborated and incorporated in the design culture (Song 2019).

The paper aim to discuss the understanding of sustainable design and the obstacles that influence the design practices. The paper is discussing the finding that are been obtained from the study performed in 2011. The research is considered as significant because it is been sharing the outcome that were documented first time. Conclusion shows that educations and experience informs designers to understand the sustainable designs. Designers understanding the sustainable design values affect their behavior, attitudes and
practice in accordance with the constitution and building regulation. It determines that the designers are blocked by barriers in design such as education, cost, product, materials and rating tools. The research also speculates on the potential transformation of practitioner. Client solution were established by the study which include an improved knowledge of sustainable design, implementation of regulation, knowledge and use about the sustainable materials and educating the client about the product for its wide acceptability (Hankinson 2012) 

1.6 Use in Textiles:
The paper discusses material for sustainable development. The researcher includes what constitute sustainable textile. How can textile have formed out of Bamboo resources used for maintaining of suitability. Observations formulated the answer of some aspect. The difference between the properties of chemically manufactured and mechanically manufactured bamboo textiles and secondly, the property difference in the textile obtained from different species like (Bambusa and Phyllostachys). The paper states about cotton and polyester fabric that is commonly used in textile industry and focus on the species of bamboo used as bio based renewable resources. The fabric formed from bamboo is more soft and little rough, which are mechanically manufactured. The main constraint of bamboo textile industry face is its cost. The examined issue relate to sustainability were its moisture wicking and handling. The research was focusing on two aspects – Addressing of Bamboo resource for sustainable textile, its pertinent information, its various manufacturing process, its pros and cons in the industry.

It addresses the experimental part with discussion and limitation under sustainable bamboo textile. Bamboo is a sustainable textile material but it evolutes some drawbacks in its industry like the issues of necessary chemical treatments and consumption of energy and water which could be addressed by loop fabrication and economic tools (Waite 2009).

1.7 Use in Furniture:
The paper examines the methodology and relationship between design and its value; exploring the critical elements in the field of development of new products. The paper is evaluating the design elements of bamboo furniture. The author has prepared prototypes by gathering information from environments and these prototype models has been showcased to visitors in exhibition conducted in Taiwan. It was found that they were having different perception towards bamboo furniture and its origin. The author further understands by people review that bamboo furniture has not been attractive, people don't find any innovation in design, its aesthetic, sensibility and usability. The bamboo traditional style will always hold a strong foot on the path of innovation and originality of bamboo furniture. It was observed that designers of bamboo furniture need to possess the knowledge and craftsmanship technique with new design knowledge and marketing strategy. Bamboo furniture thus cannot be upgraded from handcrafted production. Many research methodologies such as discriminant analysis, multiple regression were used for collecting data from various questionnaire and results obtained that were stating that it is been affected by biological variable; relationship between design and value and the designing elements such as style, comfort, modernity, production techniques and texture are some of the major elements. It was found that designer should focus on the functional aspects of bamboo furniture before production techniques and other design elements (Ying-Pin , Chenk and CAi 2007)

The paper discusses chemical and mechanical composition of the bamboo and its use in construction and furniture industry. Bamboo has some positive features like mechanical strength and availability in many tropical and sub-tropical area which confers it to become a renewable substitute of wood .Many wood processing companies are now been considering bamboo as an sustainable alternative for wood for construction purpose and for furniture design .Bamboo has been called as green eco-friendly material for interiors as natural material is being getting depleted and thus this can be used both in external structure and interior to make long lasting competitive product with long life (Boran, Ayfer and Marius 2012).

1.8 Use in Construction:
The paper discusses about how joinery system play a vital role in building structures. The paper also showcases that why bamboo is not widely accepted and what are the factors that seriously hinders the development of bamboo construction. Categories of raw bamboo joints are described and explained in the form of bolt joints. Some experimental studies have also been carried out on joinery strength of bamboo which shows that there is specific question mark on the bearing capacity, stiffness, durability and construction. Hence, a definite development is required for easy operation and workability with raw bamboo joints. The paper also draws the attention and states that serious studies and experiments are needed to establish the proper and result oriented bamboo design system. Being a sustainable and a green material, bamboo is still behind timber because of its non-standard, inefficient and non-stable joinery system (Hong, et al. 2019).

The paper is discussing about being worldwide sustainable building material for architecture why still its utility is being limit to furniture industry and its still been outseen as outcast materials because of its appearance. bamboo is thus being considered for its traditional design. Due to continuous development in the creative design and modern technology the bamboo uses was not been explored further. The study is focusing on Indonesia and refining use of bamboo furniture in disaster area. The study intends to show the how bamboo can be used in these areas as a higher value of the product. The use of bamboo for the resource in modulating furniture needs through investigation, bamboo a sustainable perennial grass which venerable because of its confined breeding and because of its short term of planting it became the captive roots of Indonesia. Bamboo has various types of species in its roots and
III. CURRENT STATUS OF BAMBOO IN INDIA:

This paper discusses about the important species of bamboo in India and its contribution and impact to rural development. Its basic use as raw material for various application, such resources are widely available in moist and deciduous forests. As per (FSI 2003) total forest area is 67.7 million ha, from which bamboo acquires 11.4 million ha. Country has 16.7% of the total forest area from which 3.4% (329 million hectare) is in India. Having one of the largest resources of bamboo in world, India contribute just 4% to global market. This leads to a lower productivity in comparison to other bamboo producing countries such as China, Malaysia and Japan whose contribution is 80%. Bamboo is a versatile gift of nature that has variety of benefits. Bamboo is one of the major sources of raw materials for various industries such as bamboo mat boards, veneer, corrugated sheets etc. Bamboo craft is one of the old industry and has been put to use for various application from construction to household utilities. Bamboo was apparently known as “poor man timber”, “friend of people”, the cradle to coffin timber. It is a fast growing plant and matures early. This is the only plant, once been planted keeps on shooting and maturing every year. The major challenges it faces are in cultivation of bamboo including lack of mechanism in harvesting, appropriate storage, transportation, awareness in conservation. These challenges should be addressed for bamboo sector to serve as an eco-friendly source of goods and services and livelihood to millions of people in India (Singh 2008).

The paper is discussing about the Bamboo and its current state. India is the largest Bamboo producer and has a vast knowledge of bamboo and with best bamboo artisans and craftsmen. Bamboo usage for the building is one of the old tradition in India. Due to various climatic condition we have different species of bamboo available. The paper is stating various typologies of Bamboo building in India and it evolution with change in time, influences by the new interests, research and developments in materials. The hindrance in the acceptability of the bamboo as a preferred material in the modern architecture and also the strength that can make India as the major contributor to the bamboo building sector in future. The traditional bamboo architecture acceptability in India Problems, Issues and Acceptability of contemporary bamboo architecture and the major limitation the bamboo faces in the various aspects is also discussed:

Material limitation – elevating bamboo to a level where it can be structurally stable and durable material, susceptibility towards the fire is another major limiting factor in the usage. Working with the round shape bamboo its joining is another cumbersome jobs and with its reducing diameter bamboo along the length it adds to its drawback and the most common reason for the failure of bamboo is its splitting on longitudinal direction. Bamboo can be used conveniently used as a reinforcement for small size building but managing of large spans are difficult with bamboo and very long length can lead to the tapering of the structure. Its hygroscopic nature bamboo use is deterrent.

- Academic, Research and Development issues- not including of bamboo to the architectural curriculum as mainstream material and lack of awareness about its sustainability. Reformation of bamboo is low and the research and the innovation in alternative materials hardly been implied. Standardization, testing and field testing of bamboo can lead to the broader acceptability

- Legal and financial policy – inclusion in SSR and NBC, special policy, laws and relaxation to the bamboo building is needed. Finances schemes for bamboo buildings like cheap loans, subsidies, forming social agencies and Housing standards should be formulated.

- Social Issues- Affordability is prime reasons to opt for the permanent solutions whereas substandard house can be more demanding in terms of maintenance, energy efficiency, time and money. Social acceptability and standards evolving needs majorly.

- Execution Issues - Material Availability, skill development, Pre –fabrication, raising standards for Bamboo, treatment of bamboo, elaborate expensive and non-reliable testing method and backward linkage is unavailability.

Disusing about the “how to promote Bamboo” and stating a statement that if the bamboo building technology is made convenient to handle and promoted with standards, codes and bye laws it could go long way in creating the gateway all the alternative material and technologies (Manjunath 2015).

The researcher focus majorly on application of natural landscape(bamboo) to modern interior design. The research summarized that landscape should match modern interior space. The researcher analyzes the natural resources application. The interior landscape should not be kept for just viewing or decoration purpose but should be linked with Green building, essentially the combination of design and nature. Design and ecology are the trends and integral parts of natural landscape and ecological building of natural environment (Ai 2019).

The paper is discussing and examine the potential of the bamboo as source of income and better livelihood for the rural sector. It was being observed that bamboo is widely available global resources and its various uses from a small toothpick to the construction of houses. Being one of the great profit deal for business from which rural people with proper adequate skills and market value chains can cut the poverty trap. By involving rural communities in Bamboo cultivation, management and marketing generation good amount of income and profit can be generated. Bamboo processing for income generation is largely un-developed and its primarily limited to the handicraft and other household processing only. Hence countries should continue to develop some administrative strategies in order to guide and enabling business climate. While totally depending upon the natural resources, household plantation of bamboo should be encouraged and focused more which would reduce the scarcity of natural resources as
well, as add to the long way to improve rural livelihood. The current understanding about the bamboo resources and its value chain is still limited and had certain loop holes of resourceful data and development in various countries and these gaps can only be bridged by the government policies involvement of stake holders and social acceptability (Phimmachanh, Ying and Beckline 2015).

IV. CONCLUSION:

From the above literature review we analysed that bamboo is one of the most eco-friendly available resource. It has wide usage from building construction to fabric making and play vital role for boosting the economy of many countries. We also traced from the above literature review that many researchers have proved that bamboo has a good tensile strength like steel as well it can replace traditional timber many Life cycle assessment test made to prove their theory, some Asian counties a have accepted the bamboo and have developed themselves as a major bamboo producers and developers globally but in some countries like India who is also a huge bamboo producer globally didn’t have well developed bamboo industry, the artisan and cultivators are still suffering because of inadequate legislative policies, resources and facilities it was seen that there is a huge gap in the development chain of the bamboo resources.

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