

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 12.11.2010
ANSWERED ON
SUBSIDY TO COCONUT FARMERS .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALCOALAGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government proposes to formulate a plan to restructure the Coconut Development Board (CDB) on the lines of Rubber Board, since CDB is not functioning successfully;
- (b) whether Government will also consider to provide subsidy to coconut farmers to increase the production; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and followup action taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c):A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 64 FOR 12/11/2010 REGARDING SUBSIDY TO COCONUT FARMERS.

(a):The Coconut Development Board (CDB) is functioning satisfactorily since its establishment in 1981. The area under coconut during 1980-81 was only 1.1 million ha and the production of coconut was 5942 million nuts. At present, production of coconut is 15730 million nuts (2008-09) from an area of 1.9 million ha. The productivity has increased by 52% from 5485 nuts per ha. to 8303 nuts per ha. during the above period, recording a compound growth rate of 2% in area per annum and 3.41% in production. There is presently no plan to restructure the Coconut Development Board.

(b) & (c):The Government assists the coconut farmers through schemes implemented by CDB such as, Integrated Development of Coconut; Technology Mission on Coconut; Pilot Project for Replanting and Rejuvenation of Coconut Gardens; Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS). The CDB provides subsidy and other assistance to coconut farmers and others for improving production and productivity which, inter alia, includes -

- i)Subsidy @ Rs.8000/- per hectare for coconut new planting under the area expansion programme.
- ii)Subsidy @ Rs.13,000/- per hectare for cutting and removal of 32 palms under replanting and rejuvenation scheme.
- iii)Subsidy @ Rs.35,000/- per hectare for laying out demonstration plots

(LODP) in 2 years.

- iv)Subsidy @ Rs.15,000/- per hectare for fertilizer and other inputs under replanting and rejuvenation programme for 2 years.
- v)Seedling replanting subsidy @ Rs.20/- per seedling under replanting and rejuvenation programme.
- vi)Subsidy @ Rs.2 lakhs for the production of 25,000 seedlings per year for coconut nurseries.
- vii)Subsidy @ Rs.6 lakhs for establishment of coconut nucleus seed garden in 4 hectare area during three years.
- viii)Subsidy up to Rs.50 lakhs per beneficiary for setting up processing industries under TMOC programme on project basis.