

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2815
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

COCONUT INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT IN KONKAN REGION

2815. SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that State of Maharashtra ranks 7th in coconut production area and 9th in coconut production, and 4500 metric tonnes of husk is produced in Konkan region annually;
- (b) the steps being taken by the Coconut Development Board to improve husk utilization, which is currently one per cent as compared to the national average;
- (c) whether there is any special scheme to promote coconut fibre, yarn, geo-textile, handicrafts under SFURTI and PMEGP schemes in Konkan region; and
- (d) the number of clusters and individual units established for coconut based employment in the State of Maharashtra over last three years ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a): As per available data, during 2023-24, Maharashtra ranks 8th in area, production and productivity of coconut crop.

(b): Coir Board, a statutory body under Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises implements Coir Vikas Yojana to promote effective utilization of coconut husk in Maharashtra, including Konkan region. The major components under Coir Vikas Yojana include:

- i. Development of new technologies, machines, and value-added products, and their dissemination to coir entrepreneurs, units, and artisans.
- ii. Skill upgradation of coir workers, artisans, and entrepreneurs to enhance their capabilities.
- iii. Domestic Market Promotion for coir producers, entrepreneurs, artisans, and traders to expand the reach and demand for coir and coir-based products within India.
- iv. Export Market Promotion for coir exporters to increase the global presence and competitiveness of Indian coir products.

(c) to (d): Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) have been implemented for promotion of clusters and setting up of new micro enterprises, respectively, including units in coir sector. PMEGP provides credit subsidy upto 35% of the project cost on bank loans for setting up of new micro enterprises. The financial assistance has been provided for setting up of 8,241 new coir units under PMEGP during the last three years in Maharashtra.
