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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3040**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

**SUPPORT TO COCONUT FARMERS**

3040. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

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

- (a) Whether any steps are being taken by the Government to ensure adequate collection of round copra and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) Whether the Govt. is providing adequate support price to coconut farmers considering that the input costs have considerably gone up for the same and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) The details of steps and measures that are being taken for promotion of coconut products and value added products from coconut;
- (d) Whether the Government has any plans to promote export of coir and coir products and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) Whether the Government maintains data regarding welfare measures undertaken for coconut farmers of Kerala and if so, the details regarding same, and district wise particularly for Kozhikode?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a): Government of India announces the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) Milling Copra and that of Ball Copra every year. When prices in the market fell below MSP for Milling Copra and Ball Copra, the respective State Governments start procurement operations through the designated State Level Agencies (SLAs) for supplying to NAFED based on the approval from Government of India. The procurement of Ball Copra has been started in major coconut producing states as per the proposals from the State Governments.
- (b): MSP announced by Government of India is based on scientific evaluation of cost of cultivation of coconut giving due consideration to increased input costs, cost of production of Milling and Ball Copra and also after assessing the overall demand – supply situation of coconut oil and other edible oils, domestic and international prices for coconut, copra and coconut oil, inter-crop price parity etc.

(c): Coconut Development Board is implementing various schemes for promotion of processing and marketing of coconut products by extending financial assistance under “Technology Mission on Coconut”. The Coconut Development Board also takes up market development by facilitating establishment of procurement centers for aggregation of produce by farmers, installation of copra dryers by farmer collectives for production of fair average quality Milling copra, assistance for establishment of processing facilities for production of fair average quality Ball copra, assistance for establishment of coconut kiosks by farmer collectives and manufacturers for direct marketing of coconut and its products, market promotion through participation in trade fairs and exhibitions, buyer seller meets etc. In the case of branded value added products from coconut, financial assistance is extended for brand promotion, quality certification etc.

(d): In order to promote the export of coir and coir products, Coir Board under Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, is implementing the sub-Scheme of Export Market Promotion under the Central Sector Scheme of Coir Vikas Yojana (CVY). Coir Board is undertaking various programmes under the Scheme such as “Implementation of International Cooperation Scheme” of the Ministry of MSME.

(e): Coconut Development Board has been implementing various development and welfare schemes for coconut farmers in the country including Kerala. Out of the total assistance extended in the state of Kerala, nearly 10% is extended to the farmers of Kozhikode as it is the leading coconut growing district in the state. The data on schemes extended to farmers in Kerala over last 5 years particularly for the Kozhikode District is at **Annexure.**

## Annexure

State/District	Year	Scheme Component	Physical achievement	Financial assistance extended (Rs. in lakh)
Kerala	2018-19 to 2022-23	Expansion of area under coconut	2187.01 ha brought under coconut cultivation and 9699 farmers benefitted	139.23
		Regional Coconut Nurseries	Produced 14.75 lakh coconut seedlings in regional nurseries	307.51
		Assistance to Small Coconut Nurseries	Assisted 35 small coconut nurseries in private sector	22.07
		Replanting & Rejuvenation of coconut gardens	Covered an area of 1903.18 ha	1001.44
		Integrated Farming for Productivity Improvement	Covered 2938.52 ha	398.17
		<b>Sub Total</b>	-	<b>1868.42</b>
Kozhikode District	2018-19 to 2022-23	Expansion of area under coconut	139.23 ha brought under coconut cultivation and 1039 farmers benefitted.	17.85
		Assistance to Small Coconut Nurseries	Assisted 8 small coconut nurseries in private sector	6.53
		Replanting & Rejuvenation of coconut gardens	Covered an area of 264.57 ha	124.70
		Integrated Farming for Productivity Improvement	Covered 306.61 ha	46.38
		<b>Sub Total</b>	-	<b>195.46</b>

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