GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1385 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th July, 2022

COCONUT RESEARCH CENTRE

1385. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to set up a coconut research centre in Pollachi and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor:
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Government to promote the coconut industry in Pollachi; and
- (d) the details of the schemes announced for the same?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) & (b): Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (ICAR-CPCRI) at Kasaragod, Kerala conducts research on all aspects of coconut. Besides, ICAR-All India Coordinated Research Project on Palms (ICAR-AlCRPP) has an active centre at Coconut Research Station, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) at Aliyarnagar in Coimbatore also catering to the needs of Pollachi area. ICAR-CPCRI and AlCRP-Palms collaborate in several coconut related projects at this centre. At present, there is no proposal to set up a coconut research centre in Pollachi.
- **(c) & (d):** For the Integrated development of coconut sector in the country including Pollachi, the Coconut Development Board (CDB) has initiated to implement following Schemes under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India: -
 - (i) Production and distribution of Quality Planting Material;
 - (ii) Expansion of Area under Coconut;
 - (iii) Integrated Farming for productivity improvement;
 - (iv) Technology Demonstration/ Quality Testing Lab;
 - (v) Marketing, Market Intelligent Services, Statistics and Strengthening of Export Promotion Council;
 - (vi) Information & Information Technology;
 - (vii) Technical Service, Project Management including Infrastructure and Administration;
 - (vii) Technology Mission on Coconut;
 - (ix) Rejuvenation and Replanting;
 - (x) Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme;
 - (xi) Kera Suraksha Insurance Scheme.
