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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1342**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024

TRAINING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES TO COCONUT FARMERS

1342. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted coconut handicrafts training and skill development programmes in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the training conducted during the last three years, district-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has conducted awareness programmes for coconut farmers and consumers in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government has conducted coconut exhibitions/fairs in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(g) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): Yes. The Coconut Development Board under the administrative control of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare conducted coconut handicrafts training in Andhra Pradesh to promote manufacturing of attractive craft items with various parts of coconut plant. These training programs are organized for unemployed youth to provide employment opportunity and livelihood support. The Board is also organizing skill development training programmes like Friends of Coconut Tree (FoCT) to promote skilled labourers for coconut harvesting and other plant protection operations. The details of the training and skill development programmes conducted in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are as below :

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Handicraft /Friends of coconut tree (FoCT) training programmes</b>	<b>Districts of Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>Number of beneficiaries</b>
2022-23	1	Kalikiri, Chittoor	20
2023-24	4	Parvathipuram Manyam, Konaseema, Srikakulam,  Alluri Seetharama Raju,	75

(d) & (e) : Coconut Development Board regularly organizes awareness training programmes for the farmers and entrepreneurs in Andhra Pradesh as part of extension activities on good agriculture practices, scientific coconut cultivation, plant protection activities, processing, value addition and marketing. The details of the awareness training programmes conducted in the state of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are as below :

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of awareness training programmes</b>	<b>Number of beneficiaries</b>
2021-22	4	120
2022-23	6	330
2023-24	25	1128

(f) & (g) : The Board is participating in exhibitions/ seminars and other interaction programs with the consumers and other stakeholders to create awareness about coconut products and promote the nutritional and health attributes of coconut. The details of the Exhibitions participated by the Board in the state of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are as below :

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Exhibitions</b>
2021-22	1- Agritech 2021 in Guntur
2022-23	1- Agritech 2022 in Guntur
2023-24	1- Agritech 2023 in Guntur
	1- Food Technology Expo in Bapatta