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“DISEASE AFFECTED COCONUT PLANTATIONS IN TAMIL NADU”

2468. DR. RANI SRIKUMAR:

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare/ कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the Root Wilt disease that has affected a large number of coconut plantations in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details regarding the support/assistance given by the Union government to the state government in this regard; and

(c) the details regarding the schemes to deal with such diseases and the funds allocated and utilized for such schemes during the past ten years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) Coconut is cultivated in an area of 4.72 lakh hectares with an annual production of 67,989 lakh nuts in the state of Tamil Nadu. Government is aware that Root Wilt disease is a major disease prevalent in coconut plantation, which has affected large number of coconut plantations in the State of Tamil Nadu in the districts of Coimbatore, Tirupur, Theni, Tenkasi, and Kanyakumari.

(b) & (c) Coconut Development Board under Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers welfare provides technical and financial assistance to the concerned State Governments for development of coconut, and implements Replanting and Rejuvenating scheme with the main objective of enhancing the productivity and production of coconut by removal of disease advanced, unproductive, old and senile palms, replanting with quality seedlings and rejuvenating the remaining palms through integrated package of practices, and Integrated farming-Laying out of demonstration Plots scheme with a view to demonstrate technologies for improving productivity and income through integrated farming. Further, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage under DA&FW provides training on Integrated Pest management, conducts regular Survey and Surveillance and issue timely advisories for management of various pests and disease associated with major agricultural crops. The details of fund allocated and utilised under Replanting and Rejuvenating Scheme of Coconut Development Board during 2016-17 to 2023-24 is enclosed at Annexure-I and details of fund allocated and utilised under Integrated farming-Laying out of demonstration Plots scheme of Coconut Development Board during the year 2014-15 to 2023-24 is enclosed at Annexure-II.

**The details of funds allocated and utilized under Replanting & Rejuvenation scheme of the Coconut Development Board during
2016-17 to 2023-24**

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Scheme	Financial Target/ Achievement	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
Replanting & Rejuvenation scheme	Target	2000.00	1342.50	2435.18	954.06	1780	1157.5	1002.89	1448.65	12120.78
	Achievement	2000.00	1272.31	2435.18	954.06	1543.44	1103.37	922.417	1448.65	11679.43

Annexure II

The details of funds allocated and utilized under Integrated farming-Laying out of Demonstration Plot scheme of the Coconut Development Board during 2014-15 to 2023-24

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Scheme	Financial Target/Achievement	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
Laying out of Demonstration Plot	Target	575.260	1120.480	1014.250	1522.840	1521.570	308.390	125.080	28.410	137.73	322.70	6676.71
	Achievement	575.260	1120.480	1014.760	1489.850	1267.690	174.800	82.580	26.940	137.73	322.71	6212.28