

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4018**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025

**DISEASES AFFECTING COCONUT AND ARECANUT PLANTATIONS**

4018. SHRI CAPTAIN VIRIATO FERNANDES:

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 increased incidence of red palm weevil, rhinoceros beetle and bud rot diseases affecting coconut and arecanut plantation in South Goa;
- (b) whether the Coconut Development Board and the National Horticulture Board have taken any steps to provide technical and financial support to affected farmers, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any pest management program under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) or any Central assistance scheme is being planned for South Goa, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare through Central Integrated Pest Management Centre (CIPMC), Goa and State Agriculture Department conduct regular surveys for monitoring of infestation of pests and disease in coconut and arecanut plantation in South Goa and observed that there is low level of infestation of red palm weevil, rhinoceros beetle and bud rot diseases in coconut plantations and Arecanut plantation.

The Coconut Development Board provides technical and financial support to coconut farmers in Goa and has assisted 83 projects for developing technology for pest and disease management in coconut in association with Central Plantation Crop Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, State Agricultural Universities etc. under the Technology Mission on Coconut (TMOC) scheme, and has released an amount of Rs. 2.65 Crores for implementing various field oriented developmental schemes in Goa during the last 5 years. Further, the Board has also demonstrated Integrated Farming in 821.37 ha coconut holdings by utilizing Rs.1.77 Crore in Goa.

The Coconut Development Board has also conducted 72 awareness programmes for coconut farmers for scientific coconut cultivation practices including integrated pest and disease management in Goa during last 5 years. However, no specific pest management programme under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented in South Goa.

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