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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 04/02/2025

EXPORT OF COCONUT PRODUCTS

407. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to increase the export share of coconut products, especially coconut oil, to ensure that India plays a larger role in the global coconut market;
- (b) the details of the measures taken by the Government to adopt to prevent the uncontrolled export of coconut cake and other coconut by-products that might negatively impact the domestic coconut market and farmers; and
- (c) whether the Government considering any initiatives or schemes to help coconut farmers increase their production for export purposes, without affecting the domestic market and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (c) The Government of India through Coconut Development Board under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare undertakes various activities for promoting export of coconut products (including coconut oil). These activities include issuance of Registration Cum Membership Certificate (RCMC), market intelligence, seminars and workshops, buyer seller meets, participation in international trade fairs and exhibitions, assistance for quality certification, brand building awards for export excellence, recommendations for policy making related to export and import of coconut products. In addition to the above activities, the Government of India through Coconut Development Board is also implementing two schemes for improving the production and productivity of coconut namely “Integrated farming for productivity improvement” scheme and “Replanting and rejuvenation” scheme.

As a result, during the last five years from 2019 to 2024, the production of coconut has increased by 9.4% from 20308.7 million nuts to 22226.3 million nuts and the productivity has increased from 9345 nuts/hectare to 9527 nuts/hectare. Further, the export of coconut products, has increased from Rs. 1762.17 crores in 2019-20 to Rs. 3469.44 crores in 2023-24.

(b) The Government of India through Coconut Development Board actively monitors the export and import of various coconut products including coconut cake and other coconut by-products. In recent years, no uncontrolled export of coconut cake and other coconut by-products (excluding coconut shell) that might negatively impact the market and farmers has come to the notice of the Government. There is a sharp increase in the export value of coconut by-products to Rs.1485.59 lakhs in 2023-24, out of which export value of coconut shell is Rs.1467.14 lakhs. This can be attributed to the rising global demand for activated carbon made from coconut shell. This shell was once a discarded by-product but has now gained significant value, making it a major export item. The growing demand for sustainable materials has also increased its use in utilities like ice cream cups, bird feeders, and utensils, replacing plastic and paper alternatives, especially in developed countries. These developments have benefited farmers by making coconut shells also a profitable commodity. The details of export of coconut cake and other coconut by-products in the last five years are as below:

Coconut Cake	
Year	Value (in lakhs Rs.)
2019-20	8.03
2020-21	22.01
2021-22	40.82
2022-23	24.46
2023-24	9.20

Other Coconut By-Products (Coconut Shell, Unworked Other Residues of Coconut or Copra)	
Year	Value (in lakhs Rs.)
2019-20	117.10
2020-21	133.65
2021-22	167.12
2022-23	115.18
2023-24	1485.59
