

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4095**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026

**COCONUT PROMOTION SCHEME**

4095. SHRI EATALA RAJENDER:

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

- (a) whether India is the world's largest producer of coconuts and about 30 million people, including nearly 10 million farmers, depend on coconuts for their livelihood, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the Government propose a Coconut Promotion Scheme to increase production and enhance productivity through various interventions including replacing old and non-productive trees with new saplings/plants/varieties to further enhance competitiveness in coconut production in major coconut growing States in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details of the present status thereof, funds sanctioned and utilized, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a) : Yes, India is the world's largest producer of coconuts contributing to 30.37% of the Global coconut production. Globally, coconut cultivation covers nearly 12390 thousand hectares, of which India accounts for approximately 2165.20 thousand hectares. The country produces around 21373.62 million nuts annually. The average productivity stands at around 9871 nuts per hectare, reflecting the crop's significant contribution to agricultural output of the country. About 30 million people including nearly 10 million farmers, depend on coconuts for their livelihood.

(b) & (c): Yes, Coconut Promotion Scheme has been announced by the Government of India in Union Budget 2026-27 aimed to increase production and enhance productivity through various interventions including replacing old and non-productive trees with new saplings/plants/varieties to further enhance competitiveness in coconut production in major coconut growing States in the country. The initiative is part of a broader ₹350 crore allocation for high-value agriculture, which includes coconut, cashew, and cocoa. However, the State/UT-wise fund sanction and utilization under the scheme have not yet been finalized as the scheme is under formulation.

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