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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4112**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

**High Value Crop Diversification.**

4112: DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SINDE:  
SMT BHARTI PARDHI:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA CHANDU BARNE:  
SHRI NARESH GANPAT MHASKE:  
SHRI RAVINDRA DATTARAM WAIKAR:

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

- (a) whether the record allocation of Rs.1.40 lakh crore for agriculture in Budget 2026-27 reflects a comprehensive strategy to drive high-value crop diversification under the vision of "Viksit Bharat";
- (b) whether the targeted promotion of crops such as walnuts, sandalwood and coconut is aimed at enhancing farmers' income and strengthening India's agri-export competitiveness particularly in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) whether the dedicated Coconut Promotion Scheme and Plantation rejuvenation measures are expected to improve productivity and sustainability in the plantation sector;
- (d) whether the record Rs.1.70 lakh crore fertilizer subsidy ensures input cost stability during the transition towards diversified, high-value agriculture; and
- (e) whether these combined measures balance food security with export growth while improving the long-term income prospects of farmers?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b): The record allocation of Rs.1.40 lakh crore for agriculture in Budget 2026-27 reflects a comprehensive strategy to drive high-value crop diversification under the vision of "Viksit Bharat" as the said budget focuses on diversifying farm outputs, increasing productivity, enhancing farmers' incomes, and creating new employment opportunities and supports high value crops such as coconut, sandalwood, cocoa and cashew in our coastal areas, Agar trees in North East and nuts such as, almonds, walnuts and pine nuts in hilly regions.
- (c) Coconut Promotion Scheme and Plantation rejuvenation measures rejuvenation measures are expected to improve productivity and sustainability in the plantation sector as the Coconut Promotion scheme aims to revitalize coconut sector in coconut growing states through production of Quality Planting Material, Replanting and Rejuvenation, Area Expansion, Holistic Health Management practices, Value Addition and Export Promotion in coconut.
- (d): The fertilizer subsidy of Rs.1.70 lakh crore ensures input cost stability during the transition towards diversified, high-value agriculture as the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of urea has remained unchanged since 2018 and is currently Rs. 242 per 45 kg bag. Similarly, the MRP of DAP is Rs.1350 per 50 kg bag, which has remained constant during the last three years (2023-24 to 2025-26). These measures help ensure price stability and availability of fertilizers to farmers, thereby supporting agricultural productivity and facilitating diversification towards high-value agriculture.
- (e): These combined measures balances food security with export growth while improving the long-term income prospects of farmers.

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