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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2879
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH MARCH, 2016

PACKAGE TO ARECANUT GROWERS

2879. SHRI B. S. YEDIYURAPPA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has announced a financial package for arecanut growers of Karnataka to provide them debt relief;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of farmers benefitted from the scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. However, in January 2012, Government had announced a financial package for arecanut growers of Karnataka to provide them debt relief. The package was formulated to improve the productivity and farm income of arecanut based farming system in arecanut growing districts in Karnataka. The details of benefits extended to the beneficiaries as on 30.09.2015 are as under:

- i) 68,133 term loan accounts have been rescheduled;
- ii) 9,262 crop loan accounts have been converted; and
- iii) 7,481 fresh loans have been issued.
