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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1533**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY, 2016

**COCONUT PRODUCTION**

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

- (a) whether India is the biggest coconut producer in the world, if so, the details of the coconut production in various States of the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the coconut production is declining in the country during the current year;
- (c) if so, whether Coconut Development Board has conducted any survey in this regard, if so, the findings thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to transform and modernise the agriculture sector which includes coconut farming and cash crops like rubber, areca nut, spice, etc. in various States of the country including Kerala, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to promote coconut production and to produce more value added products like 'neera' from the coconut to promote its export and earn foreign exchange?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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

(a): Yes, Madam. As per the latest statistics, (2013), India ranks first in coconut production in the world. State-wise details of coconut production are at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): Coconut Development Board undertakes statistical survey to estimate production and productivity of Coconut. However, current year details are not available.

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(d) & (e): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented in all states, including Kerala for holistic development of the horticulture sector, viz. coconut, spices etc. Details of schemes being implemented by Coconut Development Board, Directorate of Arecanut and Spices and Rubber Board are at Annexure-II to IV respectively.

Coconut Development Board (CDB) is encouraging development production and marketing of 'Neera' as a natural health drink. Neera Production is done on a commercial scale in Kerala only. CDB is providing financial assistance to an extent of 25% of capital cost as back ended credit linked subsidy for a maximum of Rs.50.00 lakhs per project for establishing neera processing plants under the scheme Technology Mission on Coconut (TMOC).

Government of Kerala has issued the Neera Rules, 2014 and neera production is being done through 17 Coconut Producer Companies (CPCs) affiliated with CDB, with a weekly production of 43025 liters in Kerala.

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**Production of Coconut for 2012 – 13, 2013-14 and 2014-15**

**Production in Million nuts.**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>2012-13 Production</b>	<b>2013-14 Production</b>	<b>2014-15 Production</b>
<b>1</b>	Kerala	5798.04	5968.01	4896.61
<b>2</b>	Karnataka	6058.86	5041.15	5141.15
<b>3</b>	Tamil Nadu	6917.25	6917.25	6917.46
<b>4</b>	Andhra Pradesh	1933.07	1828.46	1463.56
<b>5</b>	Odisha	380.93	324.93	324.89
<b>6</b>	Gujarat	322.39	295.03	295.03
<b>7</b>	West Bengal	369.31	370.83	372.23
<b>8</b>	Maharashtra	187.47	187.47	187.44
<b>9</b>	Goa	122.71	128.13	127.72
<b>10</b>	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	129.97	129.97	129.77
<b>11</b>	Assam	160.21	136.61	237.49
<b>12</b>	Bihar	141.14	141.42	141.38
<b>13</b>	Tripura	27.45	28.30	28.41
<b>14</b>	Lakshadweep	70.91	70.91	70.91
<b>15</b>	Puducherry	33.68	34.09	21.90
<b>16</b>	Chhattisgarh	11.44	22.10	27.85
<b>17</b>	Telengana	-	24.09	25.34
<b>18</b>	Nagaland	15.11	16.32	16.32
<b>19</b>	Mizoram	0.09	0.12	0.16
<b>20</b>	Daman & Diu	Neg.	Neg.	13.99
<b>All India Total</b>		<b>22680.03</b>	<b>21665.19</b>	<b>20439.61</b>

Source: Coconut Development Board, Kochi.

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**Schemes Implemented by Coconut Development Board for Increasing Production of Coconut.**

**Normal Schemes :-**

**A.1. Production and distribution of planting material.**

- a) Establishment of Demonstration cum Seed Production (DSP) Farms.
- b) Establishment of Regional Coconut Nurseries.
- c) Distribution of Hybrids/dwarf seedlings through Government Departments /Private.
- d) Establishment of Nucleus Coconut Seed Garden.
- e) Establishment of small coconut nurseries.

**A.2. Expansion of Area under Coconut**

**A.3. Integrated Farming for Productivity Improvement.**

- a) Laying out of Demonstration Plots.
- b) Organic Manure Units.

**A.4. Information and information Technology**

**B. Technology Mission on Coconut.**

**C. Replanting and Rejuvenation of coconut gardens**

**D. Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme.**

**E. Kera Suraksha Insurance Scheme for Coconut Tree Climbers.**

**F. Establishment of in house Research and Development Centre.**

**New Schemes :-**

**1. Centre of Excellence in Coconut.**

**2. Establishment of New Coconut Orchards.**

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**Programmes implemented by Directorate of Areca Nut and Spices Board (DASD)**

1. Area Expansion Programmes-Establishment of new gardens
2. Rejuvenation /Replanting of old and senile Gardens
3. Production and distribution of quality planting materials
4. Integrated Pest and disease management
5. Integrated Nutrient Management
6. Organic farming
7. Mechanization for pre and post harvest operations
8. Integrated Post-Harvest Management
9. Development of Market Yards
10. Technology dissemination through front line demonstration
11. Human Resource Development

**Annexure IV.**

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**Schemes implanted by Rubber Board for increasing production and modernization**

1. Location specific research in all rubber growing regions/states to develop high yielding varieties of planting materials and appropriate cultural practices
2. Dissemination of technical knowhow through more than 2300 Rubber Producers Societies (RPS).
3. Production and distribution of modern planting materials through Rubber Board Nurseries.
4. Promoting collective processing of rubber through Group Processing Centers attached to the Rubber Producers Societies (RPS).
5. Support for rubber processing companies for enhancing value addition, modernization and scientific waste management.

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