

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES  
LOK SABHA**

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COIR BOARD  
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

**Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the role of the Coir Board in regard to the development of Coir Products in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the total export of Coir Products made from Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Coir Board to develop products from all coconut growing areas in the country and increase their exports?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO RURAL INDUSTRIES

(SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) The Coir Board is implementing several schemes for the development of the coir industry in all coir producing States. In Andhra Pradesh, the Coir Board has set-up a Demonstration-cum-Extension Centre at Narsapuram, started a Regional Coir Training and Development Centre at Rajamundry, set up a Regional Office at Vishakhapatnam, imparted training and gave assistance to entrepreneurs for setting up coir units.

(b) During 1998-99, 16.35 tonnes of coir fibre and coir products valued at Rs. 1.99 lakhs have been exported.

(c) For increasing the coir activities in the coir producing states the Coir Board is providing necessary training and financial assistance to the workers and entrepreneurs for setting up of new coir units. It also provides financial help to women workers for purchase of ratt.

For promotion of exports of coir and coir products, the Coir Board participates in the International Trade Fairs/Exhibition/Seminar. The exporters are also encouraged to participate in such fairs by providing them subsidized space. Integrated Coir Development Projects are also being implemented in the coir producing States for increasing the export of coir and coir products.