

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

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ACTIVITIES OF COIR BOARD
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are planning to expand the activities of Coir Board; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The Government is not contemplating to expand the mandate of the Coir Board constituted under an Act of the Parliament. However, the Government through the Coir Board is giving impetus to the following :-

- (i) Extension of Research and Development (R&D) programmes for product development and diversification especially in the development of coir composite fibre bond, multi fibre blended products, coir geotextiles etc.;
- (ii) Modernisation of the sector through technology upgradation;
- (iii) Domestic and export market development and promotion;
- (iv) Quality improvement; and
- (v) Value added production in the non-traditional brown fibre sector.