

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3604
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BROWN FIBRE COIR UNITS
N.T. SHANMUGAM

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

- (a) whether the Government are giving wide publicity for setting up of Brown Fibre Coir Units/modernization of existing coir units in the rural lagoons and backwaters in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if so, whether a number of applications for grant of financial assistance for these units are pending for approval for the last two financial years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps being taken to clear the pending applications within a stipulated period?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Coir Board provides financial assistance for setting up coir units/modernization of existing units in the Brown Fibre Sector. The financial assistance at the rate of 25% of the cost of equipment and infrastructure facilities subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.5 lakhs is extended for setting up coir units like fibre extraction unit, rope units, mats and matting units, spinning unit, curling unit, rubberised coir unit, semi-automatic and fully automatic matting weaving unit, rubber backing/edging unit, foam/latex backing unit, coir ply/coir composite unit and needled felt unit. For modernisation, the coir units are eligible for 25% of cost of modernisation of equipments and infrastructure facilities subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 000/-.

(c) & (d): The State-wise details of pending applications of financial assistance for approval for the last two years are as follows:-

Name of the State Number of units

Karnataka	18
Tamil Nadu	28
Kerala	2
Andhra Pradesh	2
Orissa	1

(e): Applications for financial assistance are cleared on the completion of all formalities.