

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

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PRODUCTION AND EXPANSION OF COIR
ANANTA NAYAK

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

- (a) the details of steps taken by the Government to increase the production and expansion of Coir alongwith the achievements to be made in this regard during the Tenth Plan;
- (b) whether Coir Board is taking any steps in that regard in every State where Coir is available in plenty; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): In order to increase the production and expansion of coir in the country, the Coir Board acts as a promoter and facilitator. It undertakes various promotional programmes like Research & Development, Training & Extension, Technology upgradation, Modernisation, Domestic & Export Market promotion and extends financial assistance for setting up new coir industrial units in the non-traditional areas.

The Xth Five Year Plan has just started with effect from 1.4.2002.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The efforts made by the Coir Board, inter alia, include manpower development programmes, entrepreneurship development programmes, quality improvement programmes, financial assistance for setting up new coir industrial units, Market Development Assistance, Market promotion and demonstration of new applications of coir products etc.