

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4155
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COCONUT MITE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the agricultural experts of Alumni Association of University of Agricultural Science, Bangalore have asked the farmers to immediately desist from trying any chemical control measures to fight coconut mite menace;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the remedial measures suggested by the experts;
- (d) whether the Union Government had agreed to provide help and assistance to the coconut grower in Karnataka; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The Association has suggested to use only the botanical pesticides for the control of coconut mite.
- (c) The scientists of the university have found botanical pesticides especially the neem based formulations to be effective against coconut mite.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) An assistance of Rs. 1350.40 lakh has been provided to Karnataka for the control of coconut mite during 1998-99 to 2001-02 by the Government of India.