

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PROJECT FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF COCONUT

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Karnataka Government's project for integrated development of coconut in the State is pending in his Ministry for the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the financial assistance provided to the State in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the above project is likely to be cleared?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The Coconut Development Board under the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India has received following five projects for integrated development of coconut and for management of pests and diseases in Karnataka during the year 2004-05. The details of the project proposals are as given below:

Name of Project	Cost (Rs. in lakh)
1. Improving production and productivity of coconut	475.00
2. Integrated Control of Pest and Diseases in Coconut in Karnataka	1760.00
3. Management of Eriophyid mite in Karnataka	1946.00
4. Control of pests and diseases and rejuvenation of coconut palms in Chikkanayakanahalli Taluk, Tumkur District, Karnataka	673.00
5. Control of pests and diseases and rejuvenation of coconut palms in Turuvekere Taluk of Tumkur District, Karnataka	663.00
Total	5517.00

The Ministry of Agriculture through the programmes of Coconut Development Board has been implementing two schemes namely Integrated Development of Coconut Industry in India and Technology Mission on Coconut, under which assistance is provided to Government of Karnataka for adoption of management practices for improving production and productivity of coconut including control of the pest and diseases. The details of funds released for improving the production and productivity of coconut including control of the pest and diseases in Karnataka are given below:

1. An amount of Rs. 140.00 lakhs was released during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 for improving the productivity of coconut gardens through establishment of demonstration plots.

2. An amount of Rs. 13.50 crores was released for control of Eriophyid mite, out of which an amount of Rs. 4.60 crores was provided for demonstration of eco-friendly integrated pest management practices in 22 severely pest affected coconut growing districts of the state.

3. An amount of Rs. 27.8 lakhs was sanctioned for modernization of parasites breeding laboratory at Demonstration cum Seed

Production (DSP) farm, Mandya and Rs. 42 lakhs for establishment of Biological Control Laboratory at Regional Office, Coconut Development Board, Bangalore Under these projects, large scale multiplication and release of parasitoids in the endemic areas as farmer participatory demonstration for biological control of the black headed caterpillars is being done.

4. An amount of Rs. 29.67 lakhs was sanctioned to University of Agricultural Sciences for the project for development, implementation, training and popularization of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) technology for management of coconut black headed caterpillar.

5. An amount of Rs. 20.00 lakhs was sanctioned to the Department of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka for the project for Biological control of leaf eating caterpillars by multiplication and release of parasitoids in the endemic areas.

(c): Does not arise.