GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:192
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COCONUT TECHNOLOGY MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal regarding Coconut Technology Mission Project has been submitted to the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the expected cost of the project;
- (d) whether the Government has sanctioned and released any funds for the said project;
- (e) if so, the details of the amount so far released; and
- (f) by when the project is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 192 DUE FOR REPLY ON 19TH JULY, 2004.

(a) to (f): Government of India during the year 2001-02 has approved `Technology Mission on Coconut` with an allocation of Rs.4.00 crores. During X plan, an amount of Rs.53.65 crores was allocated for implementation of the Mission in all the coconut producing States. The main objectives of the Mission are: (1) Development and adoption of technologies for management of insect pests and disease affected coconut gardens, (2) Development and adoption of technologies for processing and product diversification in coconut and (3) Market research and promotion of coconut products. The scheme is being implemented in a Mission Mode approach since 2001-02 through Coconut Development Board involving all the concerned Research Institutes such as Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR), Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Regional Research Laboratories (RRLs), Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL), State Agriculture Universities (SAU's) and State Governments of major coconut growing States namely Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Maharashtra, Goa, West Bengal and others. During the period 2001-02 to 2003-04, an amount of Rs.12.227 crores has been released under this Mission. The details of project wise release of funds to different States/Institutes is annexed. The year wise funds allocation and released is as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

Year Allocation Released

2001-02 4.00 2.670 2002-03 10.00 4.740 2003-04 10.75 4.817

Total 24.75 12.227

Funds released to different States/Institutes under Technology Mission on Coconut during the period 2001-02 to 2004-05 (till date)

States/Institutes Rs. in Crores

 Kerala
 6.2336

 Karnataka
 3.7516

 Tamil Nadu
 0.4574

 ICAR
 0.3008

Kerala Agriculture University, Thrissur 0.2884
University of Agriculture Sciences, Bangalore 0.2136
Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Coimbatore 0.2489

Market Promotion activities through Coconut Development 2.1031 Board including amount released to CFTRI, Mysore: DFRL, Mysore and RRL, Bhubaneshwar

Total 13.5974