

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COIR BOARD OFFICES
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Coir Board offices in the country particularly in Sindudurg and Ratnagiri districts of Maharashtra, State-wise and Union Territory-wise ;
- (b) whether there is a great scope for coir business in Sindudurg and Ratnagiri districts of Maharashtra;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open more Coir Board offices in the country ;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise alongwith the criteria to open Coir Board offices ; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

- (a) The Coir Board is having 45 establishments (including 30 Showrooms) all over the country as per the details given below:

Sl. No.State/Union Territory No. of establishments

1. Kerala	9
2. Tamil Nadu	4
3. Karnataka	3
4. Andhra Pradesh	4
5. Orissa	2
6. West Bengal	2
7 Sikkim	1
8. Assam	2
9. Tripura	1
10. Uttar Pradesh	5
11. Madhya Pradesh	1
12. Maharashtra	1
13. Gujarat	1
14. Rajasthan-	1
15. Chandigarh	1
16. Delhi	3
17. Uttarakhand	1
18. Jammu & Kashmir	1
19. Bihar	1
20. Jharkhand-	1

Total : 45

In Maharashtra Coir Board is running one showroom at Mumbai .

(b)&(c) Yes Sir , Maharashtra is a coconut growing State having an area of 32,000 ha. of coconut cultivation and the basic raw material of coir industry ie. Coconut husk is abundantly available in the state. The commercial cities like Mumbai , Pune etc. offer great scope for marketing of the products of the coir industry.The industry has potential for development in Maharashtra.

(d)to(f) The Coir Board in March, 2007 has approved a proposal for establishing a Demonstration Cum Training Centre which consists of a fibre extraction unit, and automatic spinning unit and a composting unit in the premises of College of Agricultural Engineering Technology, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra. The proposed centre would function as an incubation centre for providing demonstration, training and technical expertise to new entrepreneurs as well as existing coir processing units. There is no other proposal under consideration in Coir Board, as of now, to open anymore new offices in the country.

The opening of new offices of the Coir Board is determined after assessing position in areas of coir production and adequate growth prospects, unexploited raw material, availability of work force , marketing possibility, intervention of new technology, skill upgradation, and market promotion with the main criterion being the development of coir industry in the area.