

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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COCONUT CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the coconut cultivation has increased;
- (b) if so, the details of production recorded during each of the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the domestic use of coconut and coconut products and set up coconut based industries?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir. The coconut cultivation has increased from 1.768 million ha. in 1999-2000 to 1.892 million ha. in 2001-2002.

(b): The available state wise details of production of coconut during the period 1999-2000 to 2001-02 is given below:

(Production in million nuts)

State	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Andhra Pradesh	1051.8	1092.7	1129.1
Assam	150.0	136.0	163.6
Goa	121.6	125.1	125.1
Karnataka	1671.8	1754.2	1523.4
Kerala	5167.0	5536.0	5744.0
Maharashtra	218.2	244.4	193.8
Orissa	50.5	109.9	142.4
Tamil Nadu	3222.0	3192.0	3293.6
Tripura	7.5	7.0	7.0
West Bengal	324.3	330.5	331.6
A & N Islands	88.2	89.0	89.7
Lakshadweep	28.3	36.9	53.1
Pondicherry	27.8	24.7	25.3
All India	12129.0	12678.4	12821.7

(c): The Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India is implementing a schemes on Integrated Development of Coconut Industry and Technology Mission on coconut for integrated development of coconut in India. Under these schemes assistance is provided to the farmers, entrepreneurs and coconut processors for taking up market promotional activities which aimed at increasing the domestic use of coconut and coconut products. Besides, assistance is also being extended for technology demonstration by setting up of pilot testing plants for integrated processing of coconut products as well as for setting up of new processing industries including fabrication and development of machinery for processing of coconut and coconut products.