

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO COCONUT GROWERS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Orissa has made a request to the Union Government to provide central assistance to the coconut growers in the State;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has examined the proposal submitted in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken to consider such proposals?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir. Government of India has received a proposal from Government of Orissa seeking an assistance of Rs.85.39 crore for development of coconut gardens, of which Rs.35.50 crore is for management of mite in coconut gardens.

(b) & (c):Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India after careful examination of the proposal has sanctioned Rs.50.00 lakhs for taking up immediate measures in management of mite in coconut gardens of Orissa. During the year 2004-05, an amount of Rs.49.50 lakhs has also been sanctioned for implementation of the following schemes in Orissa, besides revalidation of unspent balance of Rs.47.95 lakhs.

- i) Establishment of Regional Coconut Nursery.
 - ii) Aid to Approved/Registered/other specified coconut nurseries.
 - iii) Laying out of demonstration plots.
 - iv) Establishment of organic manure units
- (d): Does not arise.