

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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COCONUT DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the activities of the Coconut Development Board carried out in Lakshadweep Islands during the last three years;
- (b) the details of beneficiaries who were assisted by the Board during the said period;
- (c) the plans of the Coconut Development Board for expanding its activities to Lakshadweep Islands where coconut is the main agricultural products;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open an Office of Coconut Development Board in Lakshadweep Islands; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The Coconut Development Board under the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India is implementing a scheme Integrated Development of Coconut Industry in India including Technology Mission on Coconut in Lakshadweep Islands. The details of the funds allocated and released for implementation of the activities of Coconut Development Board in Lakshadweep during last three years are as below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Allocation	Released
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2001-02	21.00	8.50
2002-03	16.40	#
2003-04	8.38	#

# The allocated amount could not released for want of administrative approval from the Lakshadweep administration.

During the current year 2004-05, Government of India has sanctioned Rs.106.805 lakh for implementation of the programme `High Value Agriculture` which includes programmes for integrated development of coconut in Lakshadweep Island.

(d)&(e): Presently there is no proposal for opening of an office of Coconut Development Board office in Lakshadweep Island.