

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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REJUVENATION OF COCONUT PLANT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is implementing a pilot project for the rejuvenation of coconut plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the amount spent for rejuvenation of coconut plants in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) the details of amount released to the Government of Kerala alongwith the details of unutilized amount during the said period; and
- (e) the total number of farmers benefited under the scheme?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam. The Government is implementing a pilot project for the rejuvenation of coconut gardens in three districts of Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands through Coconut Development Board (CDB).

(b): The pilot project is sanctioned for the three districts viz, Trivandrum, Kollam and Thrissur in Kerala and Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The total cost of the project is Rs.2275.64 crores and the subsidy from the Government of India is Rs.478.504 crores. The total area identified for rejuvenation in Kerala is 1.33 lakh ha. and that for Andaman & Nicobar Islands is 2000 ha. The scheme has been sanctioned during 2009-10 for the remaining three years of the eleventh plan i.e., 2009-10, 2010-11 & 2011-12. Evaluation of the scheme will be undertaken in final year of 11th Five Year Plan.

The scheme is for total removal of all disease advanced, unproductive, old and senile palms in a mission mode with the following components:-

# Cutting and removal of all old, senile, unproductive and disease advanced palms followed by replanting.

# Rejuvenation of existing gardens through integrated management practices.

# Assistance for replanting.

(c): The amount spent under the scheme during 2009-10 is as follows:-

Kerala : Rs.7.48 crore

Andaman & Nicobar Islands : Rs.0.36 crore

Total : Rs.7.84 crore

No amount has been spent under the scheme during the current year.

(d): No amount has been released to the Government of Kerala as the scheme is directly implemented by the Board and the payment of subsidy is made on reimbursement basis.

(e): Since inception, total number of farmers benefited in Kerala is 34624 and in Andaman & Nicobar Islands it is 415. The scheme is still under implementation.

