

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether any scheme has been proposed for Kuttanad in Kerala in order to cultivate coconut for improving the productivity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any request from State of Kerala has been received to include more districts in this scheme; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Coconut Development Board (CDB), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India has proposed to implement a special package for coconut development in the Kuttanad of Kerala. The major interventions of the programme are i) integrated coconut farming, ii) replanting of diseased and low yielding palms with quality seedlings and iii) promotion of coconut based enterprises. The details of the assistance available under the Coconut Development Board scheme are given in Annexure.

(c)&(d): Yes, Madam. The Government of Kerala has submitted a Project for Coconut rejuvenation in Idukki district at a total cost of Rs. 63.00 crore. The Coconut Development Board, Ministry of Agriculture has proposed to extend financial assistance to the Government of Kerala for implementation of the coconut rejuvenation package in Idukki district, as per the existing provisions of CDB schemes. The details of the assistance available under the Coconut Development Board scheme are given in Annexure.