

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OF COCONUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the production of coconut in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether there has been a decline in the production of coconut during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to enhance the coconut production and check the damage to the coconut crop from mites; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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): Details are given in Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): During 2006-07 to 2008-09 production of coconut has declined by 110.65 million nuts (0.7%) in the country. The decline in production is mostly in the States of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu as given below:-

Details of state wise decline in coconut production during the last three years

States	Decline in production over the last 3 years (Million nuts)	Percentage of decline in production of coconut
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Kerala	252	4.16
Tamil Nadu	64.9	1.19
Andhra Pradesh	356.4	26.87

(d) & (e): The Board is implementing various schemes as per details given in Annexure- II.

A special pilot scheme 'Rejuvenation and Replanting of Coconut' in three districts of Kerala and A & N Islands was sanctioned by the Govt. of India during the year 2009-10 for cutting and removal of senile, root wilt disease advanced palms and replanting with quality seedlings and also for promoting adoption of scientific management practices for increasing the production and productivity of coconut.

The strategy adopted for mite control is Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) and Integrated Water Management (IWM) in combination with eco- friendly pesticides.

The Board has so far released a total amount of Rs.55.28 crores to various State Governments, exclusively for mite control, as per details given at Annexure- III.