

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRICE OF COCONUT

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of coconut in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the prevailing price of coconut in the country during each of the last 12 months, State-wise;
- (c) whether the fluctuating prices of coconut has adversely affected a large number of farmers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) the financial/technical assistance provided by the Coconut Development Board (CDB) to increase the production of coconut and value added coconut products alongwith the details of major value added coconut products during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to start processing units for coconut and to provide subsidy to coconut farmers; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof indicating the allocation made therefor, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a): As per details given in Annexure-I.

(b): As per details given in Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): An upward trend in the monthly prices of coconut was observed in the year 2010 which is advantageous to the farmers. Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) milling and edible copra and mature dehusked coconut declared under Market Intervention Scheme has also helped the farmers.

(e) to (g): Coconut Development Board (CDB) is giving technical/financial assistance to the coconut farmers in the country by implementing various programmes under the following schemes:

(i) Integrated Development of Coconut

(ii) Technology Mission on Coconut

(iii) Pilot Project for Replanting and Rejuvenation of Coconut Gardens under implementation since August, 2009

(iv) Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) - under implementation since December, 2009

The Board has extended financial assistance for setting up units for major value added products, such as, filtered packed branded coconut oil, preserved and packed tender coconut water, virgin coconut oil, activated carbon, coconut shell powder, coconut water, Vinegar, etc.

As per the existing policy, CDB provides technical and financial assistance to entrepreneurs to start coconut processing units. So far, financial assistance has been extended for setting up, modernization and expansion of 136 coconut processing units for commercial production of value added products, with total investment of Rs.127.537 crores, out of which, Board has given back ended subsidy of Rs.22.956 crores. State-wise details of units assisted in the past three years and current year are given in Annexure- III.