

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PLANTATION CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the plantation crops like rubber, coconut, tea, coffee and arecanut fall under the category of farming/ agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the verdict of High Court of Kerala that rubber cultivation is a part of farming;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether it is true that the abovesaid plantation crops have been excluded from the list of farming in 2011 Census; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Plantation crops like coconut & Arecanut come under the purview of Ministry of Agriculture, whereas rubber, tea and coffee come under the purview of Ministry of Commerce.

(c) & (d): The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala has given verdict in a case concerning the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 that rubber cultivation is agricultural land for the purpose of the Act. Government of India was not a respondent in this case.

(e) & (f): Office of Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India follows the National Industrial Classification for categorization of the workers based on their economic activity which also forms the basis for National Income Estimates. This procedure was followed in the earlier censuses also. In Census 2011, the workers are classified as Cultivators, Agricultural Labourers, Household Industry Workers and Other workers. The persons engaged in plantation crops such as coconut, rubber, coffee, tea and Arecanut are classified as Other Workers but are not, excluded from the census operation. A detailed classification of the 'Other Workers' is done as per the latest National Industrial Classification (NIC) published by CSO. Based on such detailed classification, the final figures of the persons engaged in plantation crops are shown under Section on 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' of NIC.