

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF COCONUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of coconut is not satisfactory in the country including West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the main factors responsible for poor production despite a large number of coconut plantation in the country;
- (c) the steps taken by the Coconut Development Board to encourage coconut producers and boost the production of high quality coconuts on commercial scale in the country including West Bengal;
- (d) whether the Government is likely to prepare some schemes for setting up coconut processing units involving coconut growers, coconut oil millers and coconut production manufacturers to boost production of value-added and processed coconut products for export; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): The coconut production in the country is satisfactory including the State of West Bengal. The production scenario of West Bengal in comparison to the country is as under:-

Country/State Production (million nuts) Productivity (nuts per ha) Rank

India	15730	8303	
West Bengal	356	12430	4th

(c) to (e): The coconut Development Board is implementing following programmes in the country to encourage coconut producers for quality coconut Production and its processing & value addition:

- (i) 'Integrated Development of Coconut Industry' towards establishment of coconut nurseries, expansion of coconut area including productivity improvement and its market promotion;
- (ii) 'Technology Mission on Coconut' for processing and product diversification;
- (iii) 'Replanting and Rejuvenation of Coconut Gardens' for management of old coconut gardens;
- (iv) 'Coconut Palm Insurance' to provide insurance coverage on coconut gardens.
- (v) The Coconut Development Board has been notified as Export Promotion Council (EPC) for export of all coconut products other than coconut husk and fiber product.