

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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COMMITTEE ON HORTICULTURE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a committee headed by Dr. Gorakh Singh has visited Karnataka to study the problem of arecanut growers and has submitted its report on distressed horticulture farmers to the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the follow up steps taken by the Government to implement the committee's recommendations to help the farmers?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): A committee headed by Dr. Gorakh Singh visited Karnataka to study the problems of arecanut growers. The details of the report submitted by the committee are annexed.

(c): The following steps have been taken by the Government to address the problems of the arecanut growers in Karnataka:-

(i) Under National Horticulture Mission, an amount of Rs. 705.08 lakh was provided for rejuvenation including Yellow Leaf Disease (YLD) affected gardens of arecanut.

(ii) Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance has formulated a scheme for providing financial relief to the farmers in Karnataka for implementation through NABARD.

(iii) Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasaragod is undertaking various research and extension activities to promote alternative uses of arecanut and for affected control of Yellow Leaf Disease of arecanut.

(iv) During the year 2011-12, MIS was implemented for procurement of 8000 MTs White and 4000 MTs Red variety of arecanut from 06.04.11 to 31.05.11 with a Market Intervention Price of Rs.75,900/- per MT for white and Rs.97,900/- per MT for red variety of Arecanut in Karnataka.