

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COCONUT PROCESSING UNITS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of places in the country where coconut processing units has been set up, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more coconut processing units in various parts of the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the said units are likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a) The Coconut Development Board has been supporting the establishment of various Coconut Processing Units in different states under the scheme "Technology Mission on Coconut" (TMOC) since 2001-02. Accordingly Coconut Processing Units have been set up in eight States and one Union Territory. The places/Districts where Coconut Processing Units have been set up are indicated in the table at Annexure-I.:
- (b)& (c) Coconut Development Board is trying to promote more value added products from coconut in all coconut growing states through TMOC with the technical and financial support from Coconut Development Board. The scheme is implemented on a project basis depending upon the viability of the project proposal received and its conformity to the operational guidelines of the Mission. An amount of Rs 6.35 Crores has been earmarked under TMOC during 2012-13.
- (d) The scheme is implemented on project basis with back ended subsidy; adequate awareness has been created through print and electronic media. Accordingly, projects are expected to be received from Registered societies, NGO's, Entrepreneurs, individuals and other institutions from various states Application for availing assistance under TMOC can be submitted throughout the year. The Project Approval Committee approves the projects vetted by the Internal Screening Committee in its meetings held quarterly for extending assistance under TMOC.