

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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COCONUT PRODUCTION

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the production of coconut is declining in the country continuously because of drought and disease;
- (b) if so, the details of the total loss suffered by the farmers;
- (c) whether the Government considering to raise the MSP of coconut;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is planning to diversify the coconut production and to restructure the Coconut Development Board on the lines of the Rubber Board;
- (f) if so, whether the Coconut Development Board has submitted any proposal to the Union Government in this regard; br>

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The production of coconut is not declining, it has been increased from 12178.2 million nuts in 2003-04 to 15729.75 million nuts in 2008-09 in the country.

(c) & (d): Government of India has already raised MSP of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) milling copra from Rs. 4525/ Qtl. to Rs.5100/ Qtl, Ball copra from Rs. 4775/ Qtl. to Rs. 5350/ Qtl., and de-husked coconut from Rs. 1200/ Qtl. to Rs.1400/ Qtl for the year 2012.

(e) to (h): Yes, Madam. The Government has already initiated action to focus on the value addition through diversification of coconut through a scheme 'Technology Mission on Coconut'.

The Board has not submitted any proposal for restructuring.

The Board has already introduced various schemes providing subsidy to the small and marginal farmers in the country. Details are annexed.