

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3977
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SALE OF COCONUT WATER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the initiatives taken by the Government for sale of coconut water in the market;
- (b) whether the Union Government is considering coconut water as an alternative to bottled drinking water;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

- (a): Government of India has taken following initiatives to promote use of tender coconut water in the market:-
- (i) Assisting the farmers' initiatives for setting up tender coconut parlours across the country;
 - (ii) Developing a technology for packed and preserved tender coconut water in pouches, pet bottles and aluminum cans; and
 - (iii) Established eight units in different States of the country with the capacity to process 30 million tender nuts per annum with technical and financial support under Technology Mission on Coconut, a scheme of Coconut Development Board (CDB).
- (b): No, Madam.
- (c): Not applicable.
- (d): Does not arise.