

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF COIR FIBRE
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of coir fibre produced in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the various types of coir products exported during the above period and the amount of revenue earned by the Government thereby;
- (c) whether the coir industry is facing problems of marketing; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government to help the industry and the steps taken for the growth and modernisation of industry and to provide more employment opportunities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a): Madam, the total quantity of coir fibre produced in the country during the last three years and the current year is given below:

Year Coir fibre produced
(in Metric Tonnes)

2009-10	5,15,500
2010-11	5,25,000
2011-12	5,13,500
2012-13	3,57,550

(upto 30.11.2012)

(b): Coir and coir products like mats, mattings, geotextiles, coir pith, etc. have been exported to different countries during the last three years and the current year. Details of coir and coir products exported are given below:

Year Quantity in Value in
Metric Tonnes Rs. crore

2009-10	294508	804.05
2010-11	321016	807.07
2011-12	410854	1052.63
2012-13	227175	586.94

(upto 30.09.2012)

(c): Coir products are facing competition from cheaper synthetic and natural fibre products in both domestic and export markets.

(d): The Coir Board is implementing a number of schemes for the development and growth of the coir industry for modernisation and employment generation. These include Science & Technology Programmes; Skill Upgradation and Quality Improvement; Development of Production Infrastructure; Domestic Market Promotion; Export Market Promotion; Rejuvenation, Modernization and Technological Upgradation (REMOT) scheme; and Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI).