

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

- (a) the details of the Vishesh Krishi and Gram Upaj Yojana being implemented by the Government along with its purpose and the commodities covered under this scheme;
- (b) whether coconut and coconut products are also included in the said scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include several other commodities including coconut under the said scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has received any representation from the State Government of Kerala for inclusion of coconut and other products in the said scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with response of the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) Para 3.13.1 of Foreign Trade Policy gives the objective of Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana (VKGUY). The purpose of VKGUY is to encourage export of (i) Agricultural Produce and their value added products, (ii) Minor Forest produce and their value added variants, (iii) Gram Udyog Products, (iv) Forest Based Products and (v) Other products, as notified from time to time with a view to compensate high transport cost and offset other disadvantages to promote export of these products. Commodities covered under VKGUY are notified in Appendix 37 A of Handbook of Procedures vol. 1 (Appendices and Aayat Niryat forms) from time to time and details are available on the website of DGFT at www.dgft.gov.in.
- (b) SI No. 2 of Table 2 in Appendix 37 A allows VKGUY benefit to Oil Cake and Oil meal of Coconut or Copra, SI No. 3 of Table 2 in Appendix 37 A allows VKGUY benefit to Coconut Shell unworked and SI No. 29 of Table 2 in Appendix 37 A allows VKGUY benefit to Coconut (Copra) Palm Kernel / Babassu Oil & fractions thereof whether or not refined not chemically modified.
- (c) to (f) The Government reviews performance of export sectors at regular intervals and takes need based measures for grant of export incentive, from time to time. The decision to include various items for grant of benefit under Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana is taken based upon representation from Export Promotion Councils and other trade bodies. Suggestions received from State Government are also considered.