

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MARKET FOR ARECANUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal to create a better market for arecanut to assist the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (c) the other assistance provided by the Government to these arecanut growers?

Answer

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

(a) : No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Development Programmes are implemented by the Government from time to time in major arecanut growing States, especially in Kerala and Karnataka. Under National Horticulture Mission, an amount of Rs. 705.08 lakhs was provided for rejuvenation, including rejuvenation of area affected by Yellow Leaf Disease of arecanut in the annual action plan for 2011-12. The Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development, in association with Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Vital had established six frontline demonstration plots in six selected farmers' fields in South Kanara district to popularize the technology of Arecanut Based Multi-species Cropping System and thus to increase the net income per unit area. An amount of Rs. 6 lakhs was utilised for the purpose. During 2012-13, an outlay of Rs. 20.83 lakhs is available to establish ten frontline demonstration plots.