

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROBLEMS OF ARECANUT GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had constituted any Committee to study the problems being faced by arecanut growers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the recommendations made by the said Committee; and
- (c) the follow-up action taken by the Government to address the problems of arecanut growers in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government had constituted a team to study the problems being faced by arecanut growers. The details alongwith the recommendations made by committee are Annexed.

The Government has taken following steps to address the problems of arecanut growers:-

- (i) Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance has formulated a scheme for providing financial relief to the farmers.
- (ii) Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing Centrally Sponsored schemes namely National Horticulture Mission and Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States for overall development of horticulture including arecanut in the country
- (iii) Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasaragod is undertaking research and extension activities on arecanut to promote its alternative uses and for effective control of Yellow Leaf Disease.
- (iv) Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development in association with Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Vital has established 6 frontline demonstration plots in farmers' fields to popularize the technology of Arecanut Based Multi-spices Cropping System and thus to increase the net income per unit area.