

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

- (a) the status of the implementation of the scheme for 'Support for Coffee Processing' by the Coffee Board;
- (b) the extent to which the programmes falling under the above scheme have been carried out across the country particularly in Kerala;
- (c) whether the scheme entail providing subsidy for replacing the existing machinery and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the scheme further provides financial support both for establishing coffee processing units and existing coffee processing units of medium and small scale operators and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the total funds allocated, released and utilised during each of the last three years and the current year under each head of the scheme; and
- (f) whether the scheme would be available to individuals for establishing small scale coffee processing units and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): The scheme for 'Support for Coffee Processing' was sanctioned in the XI plan period and implementation thereof is still continuing. Under this scheme the subsidy is provided towards coffee processing machinery .

(b): Total 85 units all over the country under this scheme have been supported. A total amount of Rs 3.21 crores has been released as subsidy under this scheme since 2008. In Kerala, 04 units which applied for subsidy under this scheme have been supported from 2008 to 2013 and a total amount of Rs. 47,11,499/- has been released.

(c & d) : Yes, Madam. The scheme entails providing subsidy for setting up of new units and for the upgradation and modernization of existing units also. It provides financial support for medium and small scale operators also if they are starting either a new unit or upgrading the existing units with new machineries for quality upgradation as detailed below:

- Subsidy at the rate of 25% of the total cost of machine limited to Rs 25 lakhs per unit is available to individuals, corporate/ companies and firms.

- Subsidy at the rate of 40% of the total cost of machinery limited to Rs 25 lakhs per unit is available to SHGs and other growers' collectives.

(e) : The total funds allocated, released and utilised during each of the last three years and the current year under the scheme are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Year	Funds allocated	and released	Funds utilized
1.	2009-10	0.54		0.54
2.	2010-11	0.42		0.42
3.	2011-12	1.76		1.76
4.	2012-13#	1.00		0.50

#Upto Feb 2013

(f): Yes, Madam. The scheme is available for the Individuals who are interested to establish small scale coffee processing units. The rate of subsidy is limited to 25% of the total cost of the machinery or Rs 25 lakhs per unit whichever is less.