

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF COCONUT PARLORS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Karnataka is now the largest producer of coconut in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to set up coconut parlor all over the State through the Coconut Development Board (CDB) where coconut products like coconut milk, coconut chips, dried coconut milk powder, fresh coconut water etc. can be sold to the consumer at cheaper rates; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Karnataka is the second highest producer of coconut in the country with a total production 37.70 lakh MT in 2011-12. Kerala recorded the highest production in the country with 39.73 lakh MT in 2011-12.

(c) & (d): Coconut Development Board (CDB) is extending financial assistance @50% of the project cost limited to Rs. 1.5 lakh per unit for establishment of coconut parlor in the country including Karnataka.

CDB has not received any proposal for setting up a coconut parlor in Karnataka.