

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO COCONUT FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of coconut production in the coconut growing States during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the coconut farmers are suffering huge losses due to crop failure in various States including Karnataka;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has sent/ proposes to send a Central team to study the issue;
- (e) if so, whether the Central team has since submitted the study report to the Government;
- (f) if so, whether the Government has constituted any national level award for promoting coconut cultivation in the country; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Details of coconut production in coconut producing states, in 2009-10, 2010- 11and 2011-12, are at Annexure-I. Coconut production statistics for 2012-13 are not available.
- (b) & (c): On account of deficient rainfall during the last few years as well as less than normal rainfall during 2013-14 (upto July, 2013), coconut plantation have been reported to be affected by pests and diseases in Karnataka. There is no report of crop failure in other States.
- (d) & (e): A Central Team under the leadership of Horticulture Commissioner visited various districts of Mysore region of Karnataka between 27th-29th July, 2013. The team has submitted its report to the Government.
- (f) & (g): Coconut Development Board has instituted biennial National Awards as per details at Annexure-II.