

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DESICCATED COCONUT PLANTS IN LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Desiccated Coconut Plants in the Lakshadweep Islands are operating at a loss;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the losses incurred thereon;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to provide additional funds for the modernisation of such plants in the Islands;
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to market the products better to increase the revenue; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government to assist the Administration in making these units self-sufficient?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a): Loss of desiccated coconut plants is not reported in Lakshadweep Islands.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) to (e): Coconut Development Board (CDB) has not received any project from desiccated coconut manufacturers of Lakshadweep Islands. However, a provision is made available for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), individual entrepreneurs and other organizations under "Technology Mission on Coconut (TMOC)", a scheme of CDB for back-ended credit linked subsidy limited to 25 percent of the project cost, not exceeding Rs. 50.00 lakhs for setting-up/expansion/modernization of coconut processing unit.