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PRODUCTION OF COCONUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to increase production and control the price of coconut;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has implemented/proposes to implement any scheme to strengthen the market access for coconut in the country and to provide them adequate remunerative prices for their produce; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): Coconut Development Board (CDB) has been implementing the following schemes to increase production:-

- (i) Production and distribution of quality planting materials;
- (ii) Expansion of area under coconut with high yielding varieties;
- (iii) Integrated farming for productivity improvement; and
- (iv) Replanting and rejuvenation of coconut gardens.

Under Price Support Scheme (PSS), Government of India declares Minimum Support Price (MSP) annually for milling copra, ball copra and de-husked coconut with water.

(c) & (d): CDB has been implementing a scheme 'Technology Mission on Coconut (TMOc)' extended financial assistance to entrepreneurs and Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs) for setting up of sales outlet for market promotion of value added coconut products. FPOs ensure aggregation of coconut produce and undertake primary processing to access the market with better bargaining power and ensure remunerative price.