

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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COCONUT CULTIVATION

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the plight of coconut growers due to drought, disease and lack of proper irrigation facilities resulting in withering of coconut trees;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon;
- (c) the mechanism put in place by the Coconut Development Board (CDB) to mitigate the hardships faced by the coconut farmers;
- (d) whether various schemes mooted by the CDB have yielded the desired results;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the condition of coconut farmers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (c): The Coconut Development Board (CDB) has been implementing the following schemes to assist the coconut growers in the country:

- (i) Production & Distribution of Planting Material,
- (ii) Area Expansion under Coconut,
- (iii) Integrated Farming for Productivity Improvement,
- (iv) Technology Demonstration,
- (v) Market Promotion & Statistics,
- (vi) Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme,
- (vii) Information and Information Technology,
- (viii) Human Resource Development,
- (ix) Technology Mission on Coconut,
- (x) Replanting and Rejuvenation of Coconut Gardens.

In addition, Minimum Support Price (MSP) is also fixed every year for copra to protect the interest of coconut growers.

(d) & (e): The production and productivity of coconut has increased during 2009-10 to 2011-12. Details of achievement for various schemes of CDB are annexed.

(f): The schemes indicated above have been continued in the XIIth Plan to improve the condition of coconut farmers.