

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5049
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COCONUT PRODUCTION
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has introduced any rejuvenation programme for coconut in various States of the country including Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and spent during the last three years and the current year; Statewise and Year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that coconut growers in Karnataka are in distress as the coconut yield has come down due to various diseases; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to rescue the coconut growers of various States including Karnataka?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government has introduced a pilot project on 'Replanting and Rejuvenation of Coconut Gardens' during 2009-10 in three districts of Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Subsequently, the project was extended to all districts of Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands during 2013-14. Now, this pilot project has become one of the schemes of Coconut Development Board (CDB) to be applicable to all the coconut producing States including Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. Details of Year-wise and State-wise funds allocated and spent during the last three years and current year are as under:

(Rs. In lakh)

State	Financial Year	Fund allocated	Amount spent
Kerala	2011-12	3500.00	3508.8#
	2012-13	4255.00	4966.84#
	2013-14	11000.00	10936.03
	2014-15@	3500.00	3500.00

@as on 30.11.2014

#excess expenditure from unspent balance of previous year.

(c) & (d): Yes, the Government has been implementing various schemes viz; Production and Distribution of Planting Material, Expansion of Area under Coconut, Integrated Farming for Productivity Improvement, Technology Demonstration, Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme, Technology Mission on Coconut, Replanting and Rejuvenation of Coconut Gardens etc. to rescue coconut growers of coconut growing States including Karnataka.