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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1314
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH DECEMBER, 2018

COCONUT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Coconut Development Board to help the coconut farmers and the details thereof; and
- (b) the extent to which these steps have been helpful?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b): Coconut Development Board has been implementing following schemes through which financial and technical support is extended to help the Coconut farmers in the country:

1. Production and Distribution of Quality Planting Materials
 - (i) Establishment of Demonstration cum-Seed Production Farms
 - (ii) Establishment of Regional Coconut Nurseries
 - (iii) Establishment of Nucleus Coconut Seed Garden
 - (iv) Establishment of Small Coconut Nurseries
2. Expansion of Area under Coconut
3. Integrated Farming for productivity improvement
 - (i) Laying out of Demonstration Plots
 - (ii) Aid to Organic Manure Units

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4. Technology Demonstration/Quality Testing Lab
5. Marketing, market Intelligent services, Statistics and Strengthening of Export Promotion Council
6. Information & Information Technology
7. Technology Mission on Coconut
8. Rejuvenation and Replanting
9. Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme
10. Kera Suraksha Insurance Scheme
11. Establishment of Centre of Excellence in Coconut.

The implementation of various schemes by CDB has proved helpful to a great extent :

- (1) India has become the world leader in production and productivity of coconut. The production increased from 5.94 billion nuts during 1980-81 to 24.38 billion nuts in 2017-18 and productivity from 5485 nuts/ ha in 1980-81 to 11616 nuts/ha in 2017-18.
- (2) Area under coconut has increased from 10.83 lakh ha during 1980-81 to 20.98 lakh ha in 2017-18.
- (3) 11 Demonstration cum Seed Production Farms were established and maintained in different States.
- (4) New technologies have been developed for various value added coconut products. 484 coconut processing units for manufacture of various value added coconut products have been established with capacity to process 2754.1 million nuts per year.
- (5) 60,998 unemployed/ underemployed youth were trained under the training programme 'Plant protection and palm climbing using mechanical device'.
- (6) Export earnings of coconut products increased from Rs. 51.20 crores during 2006-07 to 1764.31 crores in 2017-18.
- (7) Facilitated formation of three tier Farmer Producer Organizations with 9672 Coconut Producer Societies at bottom level and 740 Coconut Producer Federations at middle level and 67 Coconut Producer Companies at top level in various States.

