

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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COIR RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT INDUSTRIES
A.K. PREMAJAM

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have received any proposals from State Governments, including Kerala to establish Coir Research and Management Institutes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any of the proposals received have been approved;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any R&D activities are envisaged in the field of product diversification in the Coir sector; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANDEEP KUMAR GAUTAM)

(a) to (d): There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): In order to strengthen Research and Development in coir sector through collaborative research on products development and product diversification, Collaborative Research with M/s P. S. G. Polytechnic College, Coimbatore for development of technology for the production of particle boards using tender coconut fibre;
(ii) Setting up of an RHP Standard Testing Laboratory for testing of coir pith at Central Coir Research Institute, Bangalore and obtaining accreditation of RHP Foundation, Netherlands; and
(iii) Collaborative research project with RV-TIFAC Design Centre Bangalore for development of Coir Composite Sandwich Material and product for industrial and socio-economic applications have been approved for implementation.