

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

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ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL COIR RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE AT TRIVANDRUM

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

(a) whether the Government has received a proposal from Kerala Government seeking financial assistance for establishment of National Coir Research and Management Institute at Trivandrum;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES(SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The memorandum submitted by the Government of Kerala envisages establishing a Research and Management Institute, exclusively for the coir sector, at a total cost of Rs. 1500 lakh. As per this proposal, 75% of cost of establishing the Institute should be met by the Government of India and the balance 25% by the Government of Kerala.

(c): Two established research institutes, namely, Central Coir Research Institute, Kalavoor (Alleppey) in Kerala and Central Institute of Coir Technology, Bangalore in Karnataka are already carrying out basic and technological research and development activities covering different facets of the coir industry, right from the extraction of the fibre to the finishing operations of coir products. Therefore, it does not appear necessary to set up another research Institute for the same purpose