

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether a large number of coconut plantations have been uprooted due to the recent floods in South India;
- (b) if so, whether any efforts have been made to supply coconut seedlings and financial assistance to farmers for replantation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the acreage of the said coconut land that has been replanted recently with Government's help; and
- (e) the steps proposed to expedite replanting of coconut trees?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): Incidence of large scale uprooting of coconut plantations has not been reported from the major coconut growing States of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh & U.T. of A & N, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry Islands of South India. However, an area of 92.30 ha. was affected in Tamil Nadu State. The State Government of Tamil Nadu have sanctioned a sum of Rs.12,000/- per ha. (@ Rs. 68.50 per tree for 175 trees per ha.) for re-plantation in 92.30 ha. of affected land. The relief assistance is being disbursed to the affected farmers. The District Collectors and District Joint Directors of Agriculture have been asked to follow up the disbursement of relief assistance and help the farmers in replanting their lands.