

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:348

ANSWERED ON:21.08.2006

DISEASE AFFECTED ARECANUT PLANTATION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether arecanut plantation has been affected by the yellow leaf disease in Kerala and some other States of the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has received any representation from the farmers and other organizations for removal of the said disease;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government of Kerala has sent any proposal for providing assistance for removal of disease affected palms, promotion of better management practices and raising alternative crops;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 348 DUE FOR REPLY ON 21ST AUGUST, 2006.

(a): Arecanut plantations in Kerala, Karnataka and parts of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have been affected by Yellow leaf disease.

(b) to (f): A proposal was received from the Government of Kerala in January, 2005 for the management of Yellow Leaf Disease (YLD) affected Arecanut palms at a cost of Rs.2.19 crores. A sum of Rs.91.10 lakhs was released in March 2005 to the Government of Kerala under the scheme of Macro-Management in Agriculture-Supplementation/ Complementation of States` Efforts through Work Plan to manage this disease.

Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI), Kasargod and its Regional Station in South Canara district are conducting research on the management of the disease and have recommended several crop management practices to the farmers.