

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OF COCONUT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total coconut production recorded in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is any decline in production of coconut;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to promote the production of coconut in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): State wise production for the period from 2002-03 to 2004-05 is given in the Statement-I

(b)&(c): During 2002-03 and 2003-04 the production of coconut in the country decreased by 3.3% and 2.85% respectively over the previous years. However during 2004-05, the production has increased by 5.38% as against 2003-04. Maximum decline in production during 2002-03 and 2003-04 was noticed in the States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

The reason for fall in production is mainly on account of consecutive years of drought that prevailed in the major coconut growing states. Incidence of pests like Eriophyid mite, leaf eating caterpillar and diseases like root wilt etc. were the other factors contributing to the fall in production.

(d): Coconut Development Board is implementing various programmes for expanding the area under coconut, management of disease affected palms and improvement of productivity by providing financial assistance for production of quality planting materials and laying out demonstration plots. The Board also provides financial support for Technology development for product diversification and value addition, market research and promotion of value added products of coconut.

The expenditure on coconut development programmes through Coconut Development Board for the last four years is given:

Year	Expenditure in crores
2002-03	22.41

2003-04	31.04
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2004-05	21.40
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2005-06	35.55
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Total	110.40
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A provision of Rs.40.00 crores is provided in the current financial year for various coconut development programme.

Statement-I

STATE WISE PRODUCTION OF COCONUT IN THE COCONUT GROWING STATES