

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF COIR INDUSTRY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a): whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for the development of the traditional coir industry;
- (b): if so, the details of the proposal for Coir Cluster Development Project;
- (c): whether the Government has any proposal for the strengthening of Coir Cooperative Societies; and
- (d): if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Alappuzha Coir Cluster Development Project (ACCDP) was submitted jointly by the Coir Board of the Central Government, the Kerala State Coir Corporation, Kerala State Coir Marketing Federation and Foam Mattings India Limited to the Government of India in the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

(b): The Government of India has approved the project with an outlay of Rs. 56.8 crore under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS), with Central grant of 75 per cent of the total outlay, i.e., Rs. 42.6 crore. The project includes creation of infrastructure facilities to modernize the spinning sector by introducing motorized traditional ratts, setting up of Common Facility Centres for the benefit of small scale manufacturers in the wet processing and finishing operations of the coir products, setting up of Common Effluent Treatment Plants for the exporters to treat the effluents arising out of the wet processing of coir in their units in the Alappuzha cluster, etc.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The ACCDP includes upgradation and modernization of 29 cooperative units established by the Government of Kerala under the Integrated Coir Development Project (ICDP) at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 1.45 crore. The ACCDP also includes distribution of motorized traditional ratts to 7000 women spinners through primary coir cooperatives, self-help groups, etc., working in the Alappuzha cluster at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 12.45 crore.