

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1510  
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DAMAGE OF PADDY AND COCONUT PLANTATION DUE TO TSUNAMI  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the scientists of Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi have visited the affected areas of Tsunami disaster in Andaman and Nicobar Islands to assess the damage of standing paddy and coconut plantations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total loss of coconut assessed arecanut and palm plantation, as a results thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to grow up such plants and plantations?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Government of India has approved Rs.497.44 crores for rehabilitation of agriculture and reclamation of soils in the Tsunami affected areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands which includes, Rs.235.82 crores as short term plan; Rs.257.9 crores as long term plan and Rs.3.72 crores for monitoring and implementation. ICAR through its Institute, Central Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair will provide required technological back up. The package comprises - inputs (Rs.10,000/ha), regeneration of plantation crops (Rs.1.6 lakh/ha), implements, pumpsets, power tiller, removal of debris (Rs.15,000/ha), Scrapping of surface soil and digging of trenches (Rs.25,000/ha), organic matter application (Rs.60,000/ha) gypsum application (Rs.12,000/ha) repair and construction of dykes (5 km) with sluice gates, check dams, ponds and wells (Rs.45 crores). 10 teams have been constituted for different islands and survey work is starting.