

Schemes of Coconut Development Board

- Production and Distribution of Planting Material
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Production & Distribution of Planting Material

The objective of the programme is to enhance the production and supply of good quality planting materials through following component programmes.

- Establishment of 8 Demonstration cum Seed Production (DSP) Farms in different parts of the country in a total area of 280 ha with the aim to produce quality seednuts. These farms are the demonstration centres for scientific coconut cultivation and processing.
- Setting up of coconut nurseries attached to the DSP farms to produce quality seedlings of desired cultivars/varieties suitable for each locality. Raised seedlings are distributed to farmers at reasonable price.
- Aid to registered/ private/ approved coconut nurseries. The financial assistance is limited to 25% of the cost of production or Rs.2 lakhs whichever is less. The minimum financial assistance of Rs.50000 is allotted for producing 6250 seedlings annually from 25 cents and maximum financial assistance of Rs.2 lakhs for producing 25000 seedlings from one acre.
- Establishment of Regional coconut nursery for supplementing the nursery programmes of the state government. The maximum financial assistance for setting up of regional coconut nursery in non traditional areas is 50% of cost of production.
- Aid to establish nuclear seed garden in private sector / registered / cooperative societies/ farmers' associations. Maximum financial assistance is limited to Rs.6 lakhs to establish seed garden phased over a period of 3 years @ Rs.3 lakhs during the 1st year and Rs.1.50 lakhs each in second and third year respectively. The quantum of financial assistance is based on the total area of seed garden (maximum 4 ha) or limited to 25% of the cost of establishment of nuclear seed garden.

Expansion of Area under Coconut

This programme is intended to bring in more area under coconut in the potential belts thereby increasing the production potential in the country. For this, the small and marginal farmers are given incentive assistance for undertaking new planting of coconut and its further maintenance. **The new planting assistance is given at the rate of Rs. 8,000 per hectare**, which is disbursed in two equal annual installments.

The programme is implemented by the Board through the Department of Agriculture/ Horticulture of various States/ UT's as the cases may be. Application forms prescribed by the Board are supplied to various implementing offices of the State Government which in turn are distributed to the eligible farmers. The filled in applications submitted by farmers after proper field verification are forwarded to the office of the Board concerned with proper recommendation of the implementing officers for further processing and sanction of subsidy. The Board after scrutiny of the applications, sanctions eligible subsidy and disburse the sum in the form of individual cheques/ demand drafts to the farmers through the same implementing offices.

Integrated Farming for Productivity Improvement

The objective of the programme is to improve production and productivity of the coconut holdings through an integrated approach and thereby increasing the net income from unit holdings with the following component programmes.

(a) Management of disease affected palms

An amount of Rs.250/- per palm is provided as an incentive for removal of root wilt/ thanjavur wilt/ ganoderma and tatipaka disease advanced palms.

b) Laying out of demonstration plots

Financial assistance of Rs.35, 000 per ha in two annual installments is provided for adoption of integrated management practices in disease affected gardens. The objective of the programme is to encourage the farmers to adopt the technology developed for the management of disease affected coconut gardens. Demonstrations plots will also help in motivate farmers in adoption of result oriented production technologies.

(c) Assistance for organic manure units

To promote the use of organic manure like vermicompost, coir pith compost, ordinary compost and FYM in coconut holdings. Financial assistance of Rs.20000 per unit or 50% of cost of production is provided for setting up of a unit.

Technology Demonstration

- Financial assistance for setting up of pilot plants for the integrated coconut processing @ 50% of the cost of building / plant / machinery or maximum Rs. 5 lakhs.
- Aid to technological research.
- Financial assistance to coconut based industries @ 25% of the cost of building / plant / machinery or Rs.2.50 lakhs whichever is less.
- Financial assistance for the introduction of Agmark / ISO Standards in coconut processing units @ 25% of the cost of laboratory equipments or Rs.1 lakh whichever is less.
- Grant-in-aid for the development and fabrication of machinery for coconut processing / cultivation / plant protection @ 25% of the cost or Rs. 5 lakhs, whichever is less.
- Techno-economic studies on product diversification and byproduct utilization.
- Consultancy service on production, processing and marketing

Market Promotion & Statistics

- ✓ Market information and intelligence service.
- ✓ Modernization of coconut processing by introduction of improved copra dryer / other processing machineries / equipment @ 25% of the cost of dryer / equipment or maximum Rs.10,000, whichever is less.
- ✓ Surveys and evaluation studies

Information and Information Technology

- 🌿 Production of publications in different languages including grant-in-aid to State Government / Universities for production of publications.
- 🌿 Production and screening of films including grant-in-aid to State Govt./Universities for production of films.
- 🌿 Participation in exhibitions and fairs.
- 🌿 Conducting seminars and workshops.
- 🌿 Awards to best growers, master craftsmen, industrialists, processors and exporters.
- 🌿 Training youths in harvesting and plant protection.
- 🌿 Training farmers in scientific cultivation and post harvest processing.

- 🌿 Training in the manufacture of coconut based handicrafts.
- 🌿 National award to the best research worker or workers in product / machinery / equipment development.
- 🌿 Establishment of National Information Centre cum Electronic Data Processing Unit.

Human Resource Development

- 🌿 Training to improve technical skills of managerial and supervisory personnel.
- 🌿 Training and visits to understand and appraise the technologies.

Technology Mission on Coconut

Financial assistance under Technology Mission

Coconut Development Board invites applications for Financial Assistance under Technology Mission on Coconut. Applications are invited from prospective entrepreneurs for setting up /modernizing / expanding coconut processing units and promoting value added coconut based products.

Under Technology Mission on Coconut, financial assistance @ 25% of the project cost limited to a maximum of Rs.50.00 lakhs is extended as credit linked back ended subsidy for setting up of coconut processing units for production of value added coconut products. Modernization and expansion of existing processing units will also be eligible for assistance. The project for seeking assistance for setting up coconut processing unit should be submitted through the bank with a minimum of 40% of the project cost as term loan.

Packed, Branded coconut oil with Agmark standards, Virgin Coconut Oil (VCO), dietary fibre, Desiccated coconut powder, Coconut chips, defatted coconut powder, snow ball tender coconut, coconut milk powder, coconut jaggery, coconut cream, activated carbon, coconut water based vinegar, shell charcoal, packed tender nut water, minimally processed tender coconut, shell powder, shell/wood based handicrafts and copra dryer are some of the items which will be considered for assistance. Financial assistance will also be available for new and innovative coconut based products, which are backed by commercially viable technologies.

Financial assistance is provided for market promotion of coconut products through the media, participation in exhibitions / developing / hiring display facilities in super markets, adopting attractive packaging etc. @ 50% of the project cost limiting to Rs.10.00 lakhs for individuals and Rs.25.00 lakhs to co-Operative organisations.

Interested entrepreneurs can submit applications in the prescribed format along with project reports to the Chairman, Coconut Development Board, Kera Bhavan, Kochi 682 011.

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