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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2738
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH AUGUST, 2026

CLEAN PLANTING MATERIAL FOR PLANTATION CROPS

2738. SHRI. CAPTAIN BRIJESH CHOWTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed clean planting material for plantation crops and the present scientific, scheme and field status and if so, the details thereof, district-wise for Karnataka including Dakshina Kannada;
- (b) the details of the area, farmers, funds, facilities, demonstrations and measurable outcomes during the last three years;
- (c) the details of the unit-cost, diagnostic, extension, input-supply and implementation gaps; and
- (d) the specific details of the decision and timeline for a scientifically aligned, adequately funded intervention?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Government is implementing various schemes to ensure availability of quality planting material for crops through Government farms, nurseries and other approved/registered sources wherein planting materials are produced and supplied to the farmers.

Quality planting material in coconut is also promoted through production and distribution of quality seedlings under Coconut Development Board (CDB) schemes. Under the scheme, during the past 3 years, a total of 1.67 lakh seedlings have been produced in the coconut

demonstration cum seed production farms and 1.57 lakh quality planting material has been developed in the State departmental nurseries, nurseries of SAUs/ PSUs/ KVKs and DSP Farms of Coconut Development Board. During the current year, 2026-27, a total of ₹33.8 lakh is allocated under the scheme for production of 1.69 lakh seedlings in Karnataka. Under the scheme, an amount of ₹10.91 lakh has been utilized for establishing 7 small coconut nurseries during the last 3 years and of which 1 nursery has been established in Dakshina Kannada with a capacity of 6250 coconut seedlings.

In addition, the ICAR-CPCRI has licensed improved varieties and hybrids to government organization and few private nurseries to strengthen the production and supply of quality planting material of improved varieties/hybrids. As of now, 12 varieties of coconut, 06 in arecanut and 01 in cocoa have been licensed.

District-wise details of the planting material of coconut, areacnut, cashew, cocoa, rubber, cardamom and pepper available in the departmental farms in the State of Karnataka during 2026-27 is given at Annexure I.

(b): Adoption of quality planting material has facilitated expansion of crop area, enhanced production and productivity, and increased adoption of scientific cultivation practices among arecanut and coconut growers. The details of area covered, number of farmers benefited, funds utilized, infrastructure and facilities established, demonstrations conducted for various crops such as coconut, areacnut, cashew, cocoa, rubber, cardamom and pepper are given in Annexure-II.

(c): In Karnataka, financial assistance of ₹1,500 per hectare per beneficiary, limited to a maximum of 2 hectares, is being provided towards disease management measures as per the Integrated Nutrient Management (INM)/Integrated Pest Management (IPM) component of the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) to mitigate the Arecanut Leaf Spot Disease. Detailed MIDH Operational Guidelines alongwith cost norms of various components are available on MIDH web portal i.e. www.midh.gov.in

Extension activities such as farmer awareness programmes, field visits, demonstrations, farmer training and dissemination of recommended disease-management practices are undertaken through the departmental field functionaries. During the last three years a total of 101 extension activities and trainings have been conducted by the department.

Further, diagnostic and technical support is provided through the departmental and concerned technical institutions such as Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI), Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), and the University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences. Further, The ICAR-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI) is undertaking research, technology development, extension and capacity building for sustainable plantation crop development. ICAR-CPCRI produces about 01 lakh coconut, 02 lakh arecanut and 0.5 lakh cocoa seedlings. In addition, about 05 lakh areca seed nuts and 15000 seedpods of cocoa have been distributed to farmers. The institute distributes these seedlings to the plantation crop-growing states of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and North Eastern states. During the last three years, 2,30,000/- coconut seedlings, 5,30,000/- arecanut seedlings and 1,34,282 cocoa seedlings/ grafts were supplied to farmers in Karnataka.

(d): Government is implementing the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for holistic development of the horticulture sector in the country. Under MIDH, assistance is provided on the basis of Annual Action Plans (AAPs) received from the States/UTs. The AAPs are prepared by the States/UTs in accordance with their assessed requirements, existing infrastructure, priority areas and availability of resources. During 2026-27, an amount of Rs. 90.00 crore (Government of India share) has been allocated to the State under MIDH for implementing activities related to horticulture development.

Annexure I

District-wise details of the planting material of crops available in the departmental farms in the State of Karnataka during 2026-27 are as under:

Name of the District	Plantation crops Planting Material availability (Nos)							
	Coconut	Areca nut	Cashew	Cocoa	Rubber	Cardamom	Pepper	Other plantation crops
Chikkamagalur	29342	43898	-	-	-	7000	33681	-
Chitradurga	-	15000	-	-	-	-	-	-
D. Kannada	-	32538	-	16285	-	-	52787	-
Davanagere	48000	243500	-	2000	-	-	15000	-
Gadag	6604	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hassan	43144	38590	-	-	-	-	160000	-
Kodagu	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,40000 cuttings	-
Kolar	2315	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mandya	2000	142088	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mysore	-	30729	-	-	-	-	5000	-
Ramanagara	41737	66442	-	-	-	-	9000	-
Shivamogga	-	10000	-	3800	-	8000	23000	10000
Tumkur	-	73867	-	-	-	2000	-	-
Udupi	1180	41917	-	1005	-	-	40251	1010
U. Kannada	12016	164671	49461	-	-	13893	207693	51179
Vijayapura	18000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vijayanagara	13268	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Annexure II

The details of area covered, number of farmers benefitted, funds utilized, infrastructure and facilities established, demonstrations conducted are as under:

Name of the District	Demonstrations Conducted	Area Covered (in Ha)	Farmers Benefitted	Funds Utilized (Rs. In Lakhs)	No. of Facilities Created
Bagalkote	-	896.83	618	250.07	618
Belagavi	-	52.24	59	12.97	59
Chamarajanagara	-	24.41	46	1.87	46
Chikkaballapura	-	73.18	101	48.25	101
Chitradurga	28	1312.75	1894	119.1	1894
Dakshina Kannada	55	184.2	437	36.84	437
Davanagere	-	2508.4	4194	1461.21	4194
Gadag	-	332.2	570	257.395	570
Hassan	92	27134.48	48288	11610.01	48288
Haveri	-	5835.55	4504	3504.55	4504
Kodagu	6	3329.12	5220	1377.91	5220
Kolar	-	234.4	306	192.9	306
Mandya	-	11292.64	18575	1958.83	18575
Mysore	-	2896.13	4463	506.92	4463
Ramanagara	22	6520	9383	1141.24	9383
Shivamogga	-	1474.31	3399	2027.64	3399
Tumkur	-	3713.2	5438	2242.16	5438
Udupi	-	3713.01	7315	1049.17	7315
Yadgiri	-	195.17	76	56.59	76
Total	203	71722.22	114886	27855.625	114886
