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Maharashtra Minister visited CDB

Shri. Deepak Kesarkar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance and Planning Rural Development Govt. of Maharashtra and a team of senior officials from Agriculture and Rural Development, departments of Maharashtra visited Coconut Development Board (CDB) on 22nd June 2016 at Head Quarter Kochi as part of convergence of schemes of Coconut in Maharashtra state. He held discussions Dr. G.R.Singh, CCDO, Dr. A.K. Nandi, Secretary and Senior Officers of CDB, and Directorate of Cashew Cocoa and Arecanut.

On the occasion, Shri. Jnadevan, Deputy Director, CDB made a presentation on Schemes of CDB and action initiated for the development of coconut in Sindhudurg district, viz Area Expansion Scheme of the Board in convergence with MGNRES scheme in which CDB assistance: @ Rs.6500/- for tall, Rs.6750/- for hybrid and @ Rs.7500/- dwarf per ha for over a period of two years; to establish Regional Coconut Nursery (RCN) at college of Horticulture, Mulde- to produce 1 lakh coconut seedlings/ year, Establishment of Nucleus Seed Gardens (5) & Small Coconut Nurseries (10); Strengthening of hybridisation programme for production of hybrid Konkani Bhatye CH1 (GBGD X ECT) released by RFRS, Bhatye to meet local demand; Creation of irrigation facilities in coconut gardens, Promote intercropping; Exposure visit to Pollachi, Tamil Nadu and visit to various Coconut Producer Companies in Kerala; Training unemployed youths for FOCT; Training 100 Neera Technicians, Formation of FPOS etc.

Earlier in January 2016, Hon'ble minister had visited CDB and expressed interest to develop coconut plantations with suitable high value intercrops in the coastal belt of Maharashtra especially in Sindhudurg district and accordingly a of Team of officers from CDB visited Sindhudurg and attended the review meeting at Regional Fruit Research Station (RFRS), Vengurle and workshop at Sindhudurg Collectorate and actions were initiated for convergence of schemes.

Again Hon'ble Minister is convening a meeting during 1st week of July 2016 at Sindhudurg, Maharashtra as a follow up regarding implementation of schemes and invited senior officials of CDB and Directorate of Cashew Cocoa and Arecanut to attend the meeting.

The team also visited Spices Board and Coir Board as part of integration of Schemes.