46th Project Approval Committee of Technology Mission on Coconut Clears Projects worth Rs.25.91 Crores

The 46th meeting of the Project Approval Committee (PAC) on Technology Mission on Coconut (TMOC) held at Kochi under the Chairmanship of Shri.T.K. Jose IAS, Chairman, Coconut Development Board cleared 15 projects with an outlay of ₹25.91 crores and subsidy of ₹4.51 crores. under Processing and Product Diversification.

Under the sub component 'Processing and Product Diversification', one project for Neera processing unit for processing 4000 litres per day, one project for Flavoured Coconut Juice unit for processing 5000 coconuts per day, two projects for Desiccated Coconut Powder units for processing 50,000 nuts per day, three Virgin Coconut Oil unit for processing 2,35,000 nuts per day, one Coconut Water Preservation and Packaging unit with a capacity to process 3000 litres per day, one Coconut Shell Charcoal manufacturing unit for produce 10 MT shell charcoal per day, two Activated Carbon units with a capacity to produce 9 MT Activated Carbon per day, two Copra Dryer units with processing capacity of 20,000 coconuts per day and two Ball copra making units with processing capacity of 20 lakh coconuts per year were sanctioned.

In Kerala, one Neera processing unit with a capacity to process 4,000 liters of neera per day, one Virgin Coconut Oil processing unit with a capacity to process 5000 nuts per day and two copra dryer units with a capacity to process 20,000 coconuts per day ware sanctioned.

In Karnataka, two Desiccated Coconut Powder processing unit with a capacity to process 50,000 nuts per day, one Coconut Shell Charcoal unit having a capacity to produce 10 MT Shell Charcoal per day were sanctioned.

In Tamil Nadu, one flavoured Coconut Juice unit for processing 5,000 coconut per day, one unit for Coconut Water processing and packaging with a capacity of 3000 liters per day, two Virgin Coconut Oil unit for processing 2,30,000 coconut per day and two Activated Carbon manufacturing units to produce 9 MT Activated Carbon per day were sanctioned.

In Andhra Pradesh, two Ball Copra making units with a capacity to process 20 lakh coconuts per year was sanctioned.

Dr. P. Vijayaraj, Scientist, CFTRI, Mysore, Dr. Ushamani P, AGM, NABARD, Regional Office, Thriuvananthapuram, Dr. Anilkumar R. Assistant Agricultural Marketing Adviser, DMI, Kochi, Shri. G. Mathew, General Manager, Indian Overseas Bank, Regional Office, Kochi, Shri Rajeev P. George, Chief Coconut Development Officer, CDB, Kochi, Dr. A.K Nandi, Secretary, CDB, Kochi; Shri. Jnanadevan, Deputy Director, CDB Kochi attended the meeting. Dr. M. Aravindakshan, Ex-Chairman, CDB and Dr. D.M. Vasudevan, Principal (Retd.), AIMS, Kochi attended the meeting as expert members.