

## Coconut Development Board Approved 38 Projects Worth Rs 60.20 Crores

Coconut Development Board (CDB) in its 49th meeting of the Project Approval Committee (PAC) on Technology Mission on Coconut (TMOC) held at Kochi on 23/01/2017 under the Chairmanship of Dr. A.K. Singh, Chairman, CDB approved 35 projects with an outlay of Rs. 60.20 Crores and financial assistance of Rs. 9.086 Crores with annual processing capacity of 1912.70 lakh coconuts and 18,000 MT production of coconut shell charcoal and 1500 MT production of Coconut Shell based activated carbon. Out of 38 projects, there were 3 Research projects, 32 projects on Processing and Product Diversification, and 3 Market Promotion in the approved projects.

Under the sub component 'Processing and Product Diversification', 7 projects for Desiccated Coconut Powder for processing 795 lakh nuts per year, 8 Virgin Coconut Oil units for processing 787 lakh nuts per year, 2 Neera processing unit to process 39.6 lakh liters neera per year, 2 Coconut Oil units with a capacity to process 76.50 lakh nuts per year, 5 Copra Dryer units with processing capacity of 150 lakh coconuts per year, 4 Ball copra making units with processing capacity of 29 lakh coconuts per year, 3 Shell Charcoal units with a capacity to produce 18000 MT Shell Charcoal per year and one Activated Carbon unit with a capacity to produce 1500 MT Activated Carbon per year were sanctioned.





In Kerala, 5 Virgin Coconut Oil processing unit with a capacity to process 77400 nuts per day, one Coconut Oil unit for processing 5500 coconut per day, one Desiccated Coconut Powder making units with a capacity to process 30,000 nuts per day and one copra dryer unit with a capacity to process 10,000 coconuts per day, one Neera processing units to process 3,200 litre neera per day, 2 Integrated processing units one for processing 25,000 coconuts per day for Desiccated Coconut Powder and Virgin Coconut Oil and another for Coconut Oil unit with a capacity to process 20,000 coconuts per day and Neera processing with a capacity to process 10,000 litre neera per day; 2 Shell charcoal unit to produce 30 MT charcoal per day and one Activated carbon unit to produce 5 MT Activated Carbon per day were sanctioned.

In Karnataka, 2 Desiccated Coconut Powder processing units with a capacity to process 65,000 nuts per day and one Shell Charcoal unit to produce 30 MT Charcoal per day were sanctioned.

In Tamil Nadu, 4 Desiccated Coconut Powder processing unit with a capacity to process 1,70,000 nuts per day and 3 Virgin Coconut Oil units for processing 1,85,000 coconut per day were sanctioned.

In Andhra Pradesh, 4 Milling Copra making units with a capacity to process 40,000 coconuts per day and 4 Ball Copra making units with a capacity to process 29 lakh coconuts per year were sanctioned.

Dr. P. Chowdappa, Director, CPCRI, Kasaragode; Mr. Venkatesh N Hubballi, Director, Directorate of Cashew and Cocoa Development, Kochi; Shiri B.A.R. Patro, Chief Regional Manager, Indian Overseas Bank, R.O, Kochi; Smt Usha K, DGM, NABARD, RO, Thriuvananthapuram; Dr. P. Vijayaraj, Scientist, CFTRI, Mysore; Dr. Anil Kumar R., Asst. Agricultural Marketing Advisor, Directorate of Marketing and Inspection, Kochi; Shri. Ramesh T., Dy. Secretary, Dept of Agriculture, Govt. of Kerala; Shri Saradindu Das, Chief Coconut Development Officer, CDB, Kochi, Dr. A.K. Nandi, Secretary, CDB, Kochi, Shri R. Jnanadevan, Deputy Director, CDB, Kochi and Shri Sardar Singh Choyal, Deputy Director, CDB, Kochi attended the meeting.