

41st Project Approval Committee of Technology Mission on Coconut clears projects worth Rs.19.25 Crores

The 41st meeting of the Project Approval Committee (PAC) on Technology Mission on Coconut (TMOC) held at Kochi on 11th October 2013 under the chairmanship of Shri. T.K. Jose IAS, Chairman, Coconut Development Board cleared 14 projects with an outlay of Rs.19.25 crores and subsidy of Rs.2.86 crores.

Under the project component 'Processing and Product Diversification' 10 coconut processing units have been sanctioned which included setting up of 5 Desiccated Coconut Powder manufacturing units, two Tender Coconut Water units, one Coconut Shell Charcoal units, one Coconut Shell powder unit and one Ball Copra unit. Three Research projects are also listed in the approved projects. One unit has been assisted for Market promotional activities of coconut kernel products on reimbursement basis

In Kerala one unit was sanctioned for producing Desiccated coconut powder having the capacity to process 15000 nuts per day.

In Karnataka four units of Desiccated coconut Powder having a capacity for processing 2, 40,000 nuts per day and one TCW processing unit with a capacity to process 30000 tender coconut per day were sanctioned.

In TamilNadu one unit was sanctioned for Tender Coconut Water packing, with a capacity for processing 60000 pkts per day, one coconut shell powder unit with a capacity to process 6.6 tons per day and one coconut shell charcoal unit with a capacity to process 3.24 tons per day .

In the state of Andhra Pradesh, PAC sanctioned one ball copra unit with a capacity to process 600000 nuts /year.

Shri.C.P Appanna, General Manager, NABARD, Mumbai; Dr. K S M S Raghavrao, Chief Scientist, Deptt. of Food Engg., Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore; Dr.D.L Maheswar, Director of Horticulture, Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Karnataka; Dr. V. Krishna Kumar, Head, CPCRI (R.S) Kayamkulam; Sri.V.V. Pushpangadhan, Additional Director of Agri (Crop. Production), Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Kerala; Dr. Anilkumar R, Asst. Agricultural Marketing Adviser, Directorate of Marketing & Inspection(DMI), Kakkanad, Kochi; Sri.B.Govindan Potty, Chief Manager, Indian Overseas Bank, Regional Office, M.G. Road, Ernakulam , Shri. Sugatha Ghosh, Chief Coconut Development Officer, Coconut Development Board, Kochi and Dr. K. Muralidharan, Director, Coconut Development Board attended the meeting. Dr.A.N Srivatsa, Retd. Scientist (DFRL) and Dr.M.Aravindakshan Former Chairman, Coconut Development Board attended the meeting as Invited Experts.

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