

Coconut Development Board Manual

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Particulars of Organization, Functions & Duties of the Board

The Coconut Development Board was established under an Act of Parliament viz. Coconut Development Board Act, 1979. It came into existence on 12.01.1981. The total membership of the Board is 24 consisting of a Chairman, three Ex-officio Members (viz. Horticulture Commissioner, Government of India, Director, Central Plantation Crops Research Institute and Chairman, Coir Board), two Members of Parliament from Lok Sabha and one from Rajya Sabha, one Member each from the Central Ministries dealing with Revenue and Civil Supplies, one Member each representing the State Governments of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, five Members to represent the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Maharashtra, Odisha, Goa, West Bengal and Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry (by rotation), two representatives of coconut growers from Kerala, one representative each of coconut growers from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, one Member representing coconut processing industry and two Members representing other interests connected with Coconut Industry.

2. The term of appointment of the Board Members is for three years except for that of the ex-officio Members.
3. List of Board Members attached as **Annexure-I**.
4. The organizational structure of the Board is attached (**Annexure II**).

Functions of the Board

The functions of the Board are laid down in the Coconut Development Board Act, 1979. The functions are:

- (1) Adopting measures for the development of coconut industry so that farmers, particularly small farmers, may become participants in and beneficiaries of the development and growth of coconut industry.
- (2) Recommending measures for improving the marketing of coconut and its products in India.
- (3) Imparting technical advice to any person who is engaged in the cultivation of coconut or the processing or the marketing of coconut and its products.
- (4) Providing financial or other assistance for the development of high yielding coconut hybrids, adoption of improved methods of cultivation of coconut, modern technology for

processing of coconut and extension of area under coconut cultivation (including replanting) with a view to improve the growth of coconut industry.

(5) Adopting such measures as may be practicable for assisting coconut growers to get incentive prices including recommending as and when necessary, minimum and maximum prices for coconut and its products.

(6) Recommending measures for regulating import and export of coconut and its products.

(7) Collecting statistics from growers of coconut, dealers in coconut, manufacturers of coconut products and such other persons and institutions as may be prescribed, on any matter relating to coconut industry and publishing the statistics so collected or portions or extracts therefrom.

(8) Fixing grades, specifications and standards for coconut and its products.

(9) Financing suitable schemes in consultation with the Central Government and the Governments of the States where coconut is grown on large scale so as to increase the production of coconut and to improve its quality and yield and for this purpose evolving schemes for award of prizes or grant of incentives to growers of coconut and the manufacturers of its products and for providing marketing facilities for coconut and its products.

(10) Assisting, encouraging, promoting or financing agricultural, technological, industrial or economic research on coconut and its products in such manner as the Board may deem fit by making use of available institutions.

(11) Undertaking such publicity and publishing such periodicals, books or bulletins, on the research and development of coconut and its products, as may be found necessary.

(12) Setting up of Regional Offices and other agencies for the promotion and development of production, grading and marketing of coconut and its products in coconut growing States and Union Territories for the efficient discharge of the functions and objectives of the Board.

(13) Such other measures as may have regard to the purposes of the Coconut Development Board Act, 1979, be prescribed by the Central Government in consultation with the Governments of the States where coconut is grown on a large scale.