

Coconut Development Board to implement Schemes worth Rs. 110 crore during 2021-22

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Coconut Development Board (CDB) implements various schemes like extending technical and financial assistance for expansion of area under coconut supplemented by planting material production programmes and productivity improvement programmes through its Regional Offices, state Centres and DSP Farms located in various states of the country in association with the state Agriculture/ Horticulture Departments, Agriculture/ Horticulture Universities, other related departments and agencies. CDB also encourages processing for value addition in coconut with supporting programmes of marketing and exports.

CDB schemes are implemented as subscheme with 100 % central assistance under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) which is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India for the holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root & tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo.

For the year 2021-22, a total amount of Rs. 110 crore has been allocated by the Ministry for implementation of various CDB schemes under the MIDH. The schemewise physical and financial allocations under different schemes for the year 2021—22 are shown in Table 1.

S. No.	Scheme	Physical	Financial (Rs. in lakh)
1	Production and distribution of quality planting materials		
a	Demonstration cum Seed Production (DSP) Farms	1 new farm & Maintenance of 11 existing farms	322.00
b	Establishment of Regional Coconut Nurseries	25 lakh seedlings	400.00
c	Establishment of Nucleus Coconut Seed Gardens	3 new units & maintenance installments for 3 units	13.50
d	Establishment of Small Coconut Nurseries	41 new units & maintenance installment for 22 units	46.50
		Sub Total	782.00
2	Expansion of Area under Coconut	4510 ha new & maintenance installment for 5956.59 ha	330.00
3	Integrated Farming for productivity improvement		
a	Laying out of Demonstration Plots	545.60 ha new & maintenance installment for 1830.48 ha	410.00
b	Organic Manure Units	75 no.	30.00
		Sub total	440.00
4	Technology Demonstration/ Quality Testing Laboratory	Need basis	50.00
5	Marketing, Market Intelligence Services, Statistics & Strengthening of Export Promotion Council (EPC)	Need basis	120.00
6	Information & Information Technology	Need basis	250.00
7	Technical Service & Project Management including Infrastructure & Administration	-	4278.00
8	Technology Mission on Coconut	Project basis	1000.00
9	Replanting and Rejuvenation of old coconut garden	6180.55 ha new & maintenance installment for 10676.59 ha	3700.00
10	Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme	2.86 lakh palms	20.00
11	Kera Suraksha Insurance Scheme	9797 climbers	30.00
		Total	11000.00

Table 1

1. Production and Distribution of Quality Planting Materials

The objective of the programme is to enhance the production and supply of good quality planting materials through following component programmes.

► i. Demonstration cum Seed Production (DSP) Farms:

Demonstration cum Seed Production (DSP) Farms in different parts of the country are established for creating infrastructure facilities for production of quality planting materials besides demonstrating the scientific coconut cultivation to various stake holders in respective regions. The Board has so far established 11 DSP Farms in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and West Bengal in a total area of 362 ha. Budget support of Rs. 27 lakh for maintenance of these farms and Rs. 25 lakh in the first year of a new farm



are extended annually for meeting farm operational expenses.

► ii. Establishment of Regional Coconut Nursery:

This scheme is implemented with the objective of supplementing the coconut nursery programmes of the State Governments. Various State Governments will procure quality seednuts and raise Nursery with the existing infrastructure facilities available with the Department. The staff component and infrastructure facility for establishing the nursery are entirely to be borne by the State Government.



50% of the operational expenditure will be extended by the Board as Board's share @ Rs.16/- per seedling.

► iii. Establishment of Nucleus Coconut Seed Gardens:

The scheme is implemented to establish nucleus seed garden of selected cultivars in the Govt./ Quasi Govt. and private sector to meet the future demand of quality coconut seedlings. Individual farmers, Cooperative Societies, NGOs, KVKs and other Government/ Quasi Government organizations having suitable land to establish seed garden are eligible for availing financial assistance under this programme.

Financial assistance @ 25% of the total expenditure incurred limited to a maximum of Rs. six lakh will be extended by the Board for a maximum of 4 ha. over a period of three years. A detailed project showing the item of expenditure proposed for various fixed maintenance cost of the unit also need to be furnished along with the application for availing assistance under this scheme.

► iv. Establishment of Small Coconut Nursery:

The scheme is implemented to encourage private sector and other agencies in seedlings production by providing financial assistance for establishing coconut nurseries.

Financial assistance is limited to 25 % of the project cost or Rs. Two lakh, whichever is less, per unit



of 0.4 ha (100% of the cost of seed nut and transport, maintenance of the nursery and other infrastructure facilities, etc.) with a production capacity of 25,000 certified seedlings per annum.

Minimum subsidy of Rs. 50,000/- for unit of 0.10 ha with production capacity of 6,250 seedlings per year is also being considered. The area requirements and production capacity in respect of North and Northeastern region is 12.5 cents for production of 3125 seedlings with an eligible financial assistance of Rs. 25000/-. The eligible subsidy is released in two installments.



2. Expansion of area under coconut:

Under the Scheme 'Expansion of area under coconut', the financial assistance to a tune of Rs. 6,500/- to 15,000/- per ha. is extended depending on variety / location, for planting coconut seedlings in new area, with a view to increase the area under coconut and production. The subsidy is extended for a maximum of four ha per beneficiary, in two equal annual installments, as detailed below.

	Item	Cost norms	Pattern of assistance
a) Normal area			
i)	Tall varieties	Rs. 26,000/ha	25% of cost for a maximum of four ha. per beneficiary, in two equal installments.
ii).	Hybrid varieties	Rs. 27,000/ha	
iii)	Dwarf varieties	Rs. 30,000/ha	
b) Hilly & Scheduled areas			
i)	Tall varieties	Rs. 55,000 / ha	25% of cost for a maximum of 4 ha. per beneficiary, in two equal installments.
ii).	Hybrid varieties	Rs. 55,000 / ha	
iii)	Dwarf varieties	Rs. 60,000 / ha	

As per the operational guidelines of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Govt. of India, Hilly Areas include those areas covered under Hill Area Development Programme and

Table 2: Training Programmes Conducted at CIT

S No	Name of training programme	Duration	Fees	Topics/ Products covered	Targeted participants	Minimum participants needed for a batch
1	Coconut Convenience Foods-1 day-Demonstration only	1 Day	Rs.500/- per head	Coconut chips, Chocolate, Cookies, Lemonade (squash), Pickle- 5 products, Theory sessions on value addition, packaging & Hygiene.	Kudmbasree units, other Self Help Groups, FPOs(CPS, CPF,CPC), Individuals	5
2	Coconut Convenience Foods-4 Days	4 Days	Rs.2000/- per head	Coconut chips, Chocolate, Cookies, Lemonade, Pickle, Chutney Powder, Coconut laddoo, Tender Coconut Spread, Coconut candy, Coconut Jelly, Virgin Coconut Oil(hot process)-Theory sessions on value addition, packaging& Hygiene.	Kudmbasree units, Individuals, Other Self Help Groups, FPOs	5
3	Coconut Vinegar from coconut water by slow process/ Nata de coco.	1 Day	Rs.1000/- per person	Coconut Vinegar	Basic science knowledge Kudmbasree units, Individuals, other groups, FPOs	5
4	Training on Chemical analysis.	1 week	Rs.2500/- per person	Chemical analysis of coconut products	Minimum qualification- Graduation in Chemistry/ Biochemistry/ Food chemistry/ Food Technology	1
5	Training on Microbiological analysis	2 weeks	Rs.5000/- per person	Microbiological analysis	Minimum Qualification – Graduation in Microbiology/other life sciences with microbiology as one of the subjects	1
6	Entrepreneurship Development Programme	5 days	Nil	Sessions on Entrepreneurship, value additon, Food safety, Quality aspects, Marketing strategies, Schemes of CDB etc.	Farmer groups/Self Help Groups etc.	20



Western Ghat Development Programme. Scheduled Areas include those areas notified by Govt. of India and State Governments.

3. Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement:

The objective of the programme is to improve production and productivity of the coconut holdings through an integrated approach and thereby increasing the net income from unit holdings with the following component programmes.

The scheme components 'Laying out of Demonstration Plots' and 'Establishment of Organic manure Units' under 'Integrated Farming' are being implemented in Public Sector Farms.

► i) Laying out of Demonstration Plots:

Under this, financial assistance is limited to Rs.35,000/- per ha. in two annual installments depending on the activities undertaken in the coconut gardens with a view to demonstrate the possibility of improving the productivity and income through Integrated farming, with all possible convergence with other suitable schemes, which in turn may create visible impact in the farming community.

► ii) Establishment of Organic Manure Unit:

Under this scheme, financial assistance is extended to popularize the use of organic manure in coconut holdings.

Maximum assistance is Rs.60,000/- towards 100% of the cost for unit of size 1200 cubic ft (dimension 60ft x 8ft x 2.5 ft or two units of 30 ft x 8ft x 2.5ft) with production capacity of 80 tons per year in four cycles and of permanent structure and to be administered on pro-rata basis. Smaller units are also promoted and the minimum volume shall be 150 cubic feet (dimension 15ft x 5ft x 2 ft) with production capacity of 10 tons/ year in four cycles and financial assistance may be reduced accordingly.

Coir pith compost units with concrete floor of size 5m x 3m (40 units) with a capacity to produce 80 tons/ year are also eligible for subsidy under this scheme. Financial assistance is also extended to smaller units with minimum size of 5m x 3m (5 units) with a capacity of 10 tons/ year. Roof of convenient sizes also required for organic manure units.

4. Technology Demonstration/ Quality Testing Laboratory

The scheme is implemented by two

establishments of the Board viz., CIT, Aluva, Kerala and Regional Office, Guwahati, Assam.

The CDB Institute of Technology (CIT) at Aluva, Ernakulam District in Kerala is continuously engaged in the development and standardization of new value added coconut products and for demonstrating the same to entrepreneurs. It also houses the Quality Testing Laboratory (QTL) and Pilot Testing Plant integrating technology, entrepreneurship and quality management. CIT offers various services and training programmes to Individuals, Farmers' Collectives / SHGs/Women groups, private entrepreneurs and Vocational Higher Secondary, UG & PG students (Food Science/ Food Technology/ Food Engineering/ Agriculture). Details of the training programmes are given in Table 2:

A fullfledged NABL accredited Quality Testing Laboratory (QTL) is operating at the Institute in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025:2017 in the disciplines of chemical and biological analysis. The laboratory is equipped with advanced analytical instruments and modern facilities as per NABL requirements to carry out chemical/ microbiological tests of coconut based products, other food products and fertilizers. The Chemical and Microbiological Parameters that are being analysed in the CIT and the charges are available in Board's website. Four days training programmes on 'Preparation of coconut based convenient foods' is also being organized by Board's Regional Office located at Guwahati, Assam.

5. Marketing, Market Intelligent Services, Statistics and Strengthening of Export Promotion Council

The Board undertakes market promotion activities for the development of the coconut sector in the country. The major activities are Market Promotion, Market Intelligence, Market Research, Market Development, facilitating Farmers' Collectives and performing the responsibilities of Export Promotion Council.

The Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India has notified Coconut Development Board as an Export Promotion Council (EPC) for all coconut products other than those made from coconut husk and fiber, on 1st April 2009 vide Public Notice No.169 (RE-2008)/2004-2009.

CDB issues Registration cum Membership Certificate (RCMC) at the capacity of Export Promotion Council (which is mandatory for exporters) to enable

exporters to avail various benefits under the Foreign Trade Policy and duty neutralization schemes of the Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India. CDB as EPC provides services such as securing benefits under different incentive schemes for products from the coconut sector, facilitating participation of exports from coconut sector in International Trade Fairs, disseminating important trade information, providing commercially useful information and assistance to exporters in developing and increasing their exports, organizing seminar, conference and buyer seller meet, Exporter Excellence Award etc.

Financial assistance for establishment of Procurement Centres by Farmer Collectives in coconut sector, scheme for Skilled Manpower Development for Processing, Assistance to entrepreneurs/ Coconut Producer Companies to participate in domestic trade fairs/ exhibitions, Assistance for Quality Certification, etc. are also extended under the scheme. Support for setting up of Sales Outlets for coconut products and 'Brand Building for coconut products' are also extended under the scheme 'Technology Mission on Coconut (TMOc)'.

The details of the component programmes are provided in Board's website.

Collection, classification, compilation, analysis and interpretation of primary as well as secondary data pertaining to area and production of coconut, market price, weather, import and export of coconut products, etc. and dissemination of information to farmer community in Board's website as well as through print media, etc. are also being undertaken regularly as part of Statistics related to coconut, apart from other statistical studies.

6. Information and Information Technology

The Board organizes training & awareness programmes at Panchayat, block, district and national levels for farmers and other stakeholders on various topics related to coconut for enhancing awareness about the programmes of the Board. The Board is undertaking several programmes under Information & Information Technology with a view to disseminate information on various aspects of coconut cultivation and industry through publication in Board's in-house periodical magazines in various languages viz, monthly (English & Malayalam), quarterly (Tamil, Kannada & Hindi) and biannual (Marathi & Telugu), various print, electronic & social media, organizing/ participation in exhibitions & fairs at national & international levels, production &



screening of promotional video films, documentation of success stories, etc.

CDB has instituted the biennial scheme of National Awards in coconut cultivation, product development, product improvement, quality up gradation, product diversification, craftsmanship, extension activities, Farmer Collectives etc. The Board implements skill development programmes on 'plant protection aspects on coconut including harvesting using palm climbing device', 'coconut based handicraft making' and 'neera technician' for the benefit of the coconut community as a whole. The expenses including accommodation for these programmes are fully borne by the Board. The 'Neera Master Technician' training programme is imparted under Technology



Demonstration scheme. The Board also maintains a well equipped Library and MIS in the organization, with IT support.

The details of the component programmes/ activities and other details under this scheme are provided in Board's website.

7. Technical Service, Project Management including Infrastructure and Administration

The expenses towards the technical services, major infrastructure developments and establishment are met from this scheme.

8. Technology Mission on Coconut

The Scheme Technology Mission on Coconut (TMOc) was sanctioned during the financial year 2001-02 with the objectives of (a) the development of new value added coconut products and by-products by research, bring these value added product to commercial production by assistance to promising entrepreneurs adopting these technologies, (b) providing assistance for the controlling of specific disease/pest in any specific area including development of technology for controlling of such diseases/pests to ensure uninterrupted supply of raw materials to the coconut industry for the production of value added products and by-products (c) develop and promote market for such newly developed values added products and by-products including traditional products (ball copra, copra and oil) by research, surveys and brand promotion. The implementation of this scheme is on time bound project basis.

- TMOc scheme provides financial assistance to entrepreneurs/farmers for setting up of coconut based industries (other than coir based industries).

- TMOc scheme mainly focuses on Research and Development, Post-harvest Processing, Product diversification, Value addition and management of pest and diseases.

- Through this scheme, CDB provides assistance to Research institutes in the field of processing and product diversification & management of pest and diseases.

- Pest outbreak is one of the major problems in the field level. CDB provides assistance to Research institutes for the management of pest by developing/ demonstrating technological & non technological methods.

- For Processing, Product diversification & Value addition, CDB in collaboration with many research



institutes, have developed different technologies for the production of value added products from coconut. These products have been promoted through national and global level. Research and Development has been directed to explore new technologies for the development of coconut industries.

Details of Technology Mission covering four major components are given below:-

(1) Development and Adoption of technologies for management of insect pests and disease affected gardens:		
Scheme	Scale of assistance	Remarks
a) Development of technologies	100 % (Max. Rs. 50 lakh/ project)	for ICAR (CPCRI)/ SAU/ State Deptt. and co-op. sector
	50 % (Max. Rs.25 lakh/ project)	for NGO's and other organizations
b) Demonstration of technologies	100 % (Max. Rs. 25 lakh/ project)	for ICAR (CPCRI)/ SAU/ State Dept. / Other PSU/ Regd. Co-op. societies
	50 % (Max. Rs.10 lakh/ project)	for individuals / group of farmers/ NGO's, private companies

c) Adoption of technologies	25% of cost of technology adoption	for group of farmers/ NGO's /other organisations
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(2) Development and Adoption of technologies for processing and product diversification:

Scheme	Scale of assistance	Remarks
a) Development of technologies	100 % (Max. Rs.75 lakh/ project)	For Govt. institutions/ PSUs and co-op. societies
	75 % (Max. Rs.35 lakh/ project)	For NGOs, Individual entrepreneurs & other research organizations
b) Acquisition, training,		
Demonstration of technologies	100 % (Max. Rs.25 lakh/ project)	For ICAR (CPCRI)/ SAU/ State Dept. / other related PSUs/ registered co-op. societies
	50 % (Max. Rs.10 lakh/ project)	For Individual entrepreneurs, NGO's and other organizations
c) Adoption of technologies	25% (Max. Rs. 50 lakh per project)	for group of farmers/ NGOs/ individual entrepreneurs/ other organisations
	33.3% (Max. Rs. 50 lakh per project)	for SC/ST women farmers
	50% (Max. Rs. 50 lakh per project)	in case of high value agriculture in UTs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep

(3) Market research and Promotion:		
Scheme	Scale of assistance	Remarks
(a) Market research	100 % (Max. Rs.25 lakh/ project)	For Govt. agencies & Co-op. Societies
	50 % (Max. Rs.12.50 lakh/ project)	For individuals, NGOs & other organizations
(b) Market Promotion - Brand building	100 % (Max. Rs.25 lakh/ project)	For Govt. agencies & Co-op. Societies
	50 % (Max. Rs.6 lakh/project)	For Federation of CPSs (FPOs)
	50 % (Max. Rs.15 lakh/ project)	for NGO's and private institutes

(4) Technical Support, External Evaluation and Emergent Requirement:- Support is extended on need basis as decided by the Project Approval Committee of TMOC.

The detailed information of the Mission, projects sanctioned, application forms, etc. is uploaded in Board's website.

9. Replanting and Rejuvenation of old Coconut Garden

The main objective of the scheme is to enhance the productivity and production of coconut by removal of disease advanced, unproductive, old and senile palms, replanting with quality seedlings and rejuvenating the remaining palms through integrated package of practices.

Financial assistance is extended under three components as below:

(i) Cutting and removal of all old, senile, unproductive and disease advanced palms

Subsidy @ Rs.1000 per palm, subject to a maximum of Rs.32000/ha extended during the first year

(ii) Replanting Subsidy of Rs.40/- per seedling subject to a maximum of Rs 4,000/ ha extended during the first year

(iii) Rejuvenation of the existing coconut palms by integrated management Subsidy of Rs.17,500/- ha extended in two annual installments of Rs.8,750/- each.

The scheme is implemented on project basis based on State specific problems through State Agri./ Hort. Department. The project shall clearly indicate the action plan and calendar of operation along with location, no. of palms to be removed, area to

be rejuvenated and no. of seedlings to be replanted, etc. based on the baseline survey. The project is considered after issue of State Level Administrative Approval by State Governments.

For the detailed guidelines of the programme, please log on to <https://coconutboard.gov.in/docs/r-n-r.pdf>

10. Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme

Implementation of Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) is continued during the year 2021-22 with the objective of insuring coconut palms against natural calamities, climatic risks, pests, diseases and other perils. Under this scheme, all healthy nut bearing coconut palms in the age group from 4 years to 60 years in a contiguous area (Mono / mixed) can be insured against natural perils leading to death/loss of palm /becoming unproductive. 50% of the annual premium is borne by the Board and balance is shared between the State Govt. and Farmer @ 25% each, as below.

Age group of Palms	Premium (Rs.)	Board's share (Rs.) (50%)	State Govt. Share (Rs.) (25%)	Farmer's share (Rs.) (25%)	Sum Assured (Rs.)
4-15 years	9.00	4.50	2.25	2.25	900/-
16-60 years	14.00	7.00	3.50	3.50	1,750/-

Insurance is for individual palms and not area based. Partial insurance of plantation is not allowed. Minimum 5 healthy nut bearing palms is the criterion to come under the insurance scheme. The scheme is being implemented in all coconut growing States through Agriculture Insurance Company and in association with State Governments.

The scheme guidelines are detailed in <https://coconutboard.gov.in/docs/cpis-guidelines.pdf>

11. Kera Suraksha Insurance Scheme

The Kera Suraksha Insurance scheme for Coconut Tree Climbers(CTC)/Neera Technicians/Coconut Harvesters is continued during the year 2021-22. The insurance scheme is implemented in association with M/s Oriental Insurance Company Ltd. The scheme is implemented in all coconut growing States.

The provisions under the scheme have been modified from 1st November 2020 with increased benefits under all the components of the policy. The sum assured revised under the policy is Rs. Five



lakhs against 24 hours accident related risk including death.

Annual premium under the policy is Rs. 398.65/-, out of which Board's share of premium is Rs 299.65 and balance Rs. 99/- is the beneficiary's share. Beneficiary has the option of paying his/her share of premium of Rs. 99/- through DD or online mode.

The component provisions under the scheme, present compensation, responsibilities of the Board, Insurance Agency and the beneficiary, application form, etc. are available in Board's website.

(For availing the benefits under these schemes or for further information public can contact the offices of the Board located in various parts of the country.)

The geographical jurisdictions of operation of Board's offices located in various parts of the country are given below.



CDB celebrating 23rd World Coconut Day



To commemorate the foundation day of the International Coconut Community (ICC), CDB is celebrating 23rd World Coconut Day on 2nd September 2021. The theme announced by ICC, for its 23rd edition of celebrations, is **"Building a Safe, Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Coconut Community Amid Covid 19 Pandemic and Beyond"**. Shri. Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Ms. Shobha Karandlaje and Shri. Kailash Choudhary, Hon'ble Ministers of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India are expected to attend the programme as Guests of Honour. Shri Sanjay Agarwal IAS, Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Shri. Rajbir Singh IFS, Joint Secretary, (MIDH) and Chairman, Coconut Development Board, senior officers from the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Government of India, 400 prospective farmers from across the country and officials of Coconut Development Board are expected to attend the programme. The programme will be followed by a technical session for farmers on Coconut Cultivation and Value addition.

Coconut Development Board Establishments

(Address, phone no. & email details may be seen in <https://coconutboard.gov.in/CDBOffices.aspx>)

S. No.	Region	Unit Office(s) of the Board situated	State(s)/ UT(s) covered for implementation of schemes
1.	Kochi, Kerala	Head Office, Kochi, Kerala	Kerala & Lakshadweep Islands
		DSP Farm, Neriampalam, Kerala	
		Technology Dev. Centre, Aluva, Kerala	
		Field Office, Trivandrum, Kerala	
2.	Bengaluru, Karnataka	Regional Office, Bengaluru, Karnataka	Karnataka & Goa
		DSP Farm, Mandya, Karnataka	
		State Centre, Thane, Maharashtra	Maharashtra
		DSP Farm, Palghar, Maharashtra	
3.	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Regional Office, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu, Puducherry
		DSP Farm, Dhali, Tamil Nadu	
		State Centre, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana
		DSP Farm, Vegiwada, Andhra Pradesh	
		State Centre, Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
4.	Patna, Bihar	Regional Office, Patna, Bihar	Bihar, Jharkhand
		DSP Farm, Madhepura, Bihar	
		State Centre, Kolkata, West Bengal	West Bengal
		DSP Farm, Fulia, West Bengal	
		State Centre, Pitapalli, Odisha	Odisha
		DSP Farm, Pitapalli, Odisha	
		MDIC, Delhi	Gujarat, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir
DSP Farm, Kondagaon, Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh		
5.	Guwahati, Assam	Regional Office, Guwahati, Assam	All North Eastern States
		DSP Farm, Abhayapuri, Assam	
		DSP Farm, Hichachara, Tripura	

Further, as the Board's programmes are implemented in close coordination with the State Departments, the nearest offices of the Agriculture/ Horticulture Department of the State/ UT may also be contacted. ■