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Sub: Scheme and policy support for coconut farmers through the new budget of Karnataka Government- request reg.

Hearty greetings from Coconut Development Board!

Coconut Development Board(CDB) is a statutory body established under an Act of Parliament in 1981 and functioning under the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India for the integrated and sustained development of the coconut sector and industry in the country. Coconut being an important horticultural crop in the state and **Karnataka standing second in area and third in production of coconut in the country**, the crop holds much economic significance to the state. CDB has embarked upon integrated activities for the development of coconut cultivation, processing and marketing in the country. The coconut sector needs much handholding and facilitation from the Government agencies since the coconut farmers have been severely crippled by the price crash that occurred in season 2012. Product diversification and promotion of industries is the need of the hour to overcome the situation of inconsistent prices. Processing units undertaking production of ball copra, desiccated coconut, packed tender coconut water etc have been established in Karnataka and there is immense potential for more units in the state. We wish to express our sincere interest in working hand in hand with the Government of Karnataka for promoting the coconut sector and industry in the state. The new budget of the newly elected Government of Karnataka is in the offing and it is imperative that policy decisions and developmental programmes be conceived leading to sustained development.

Coconut being a crop with a multitude of uses, joint efforts of CDB and the State Government will help in exploiting the huge untapped potential of the sector. In this context, CDB wishes to propose policy initiatives and schemes for the integrated

development of the coconut sector which may kindly be considered for inclusion in the state budget for the forthcoming financial year. The details are attached as a note herewith.

It is requested that the Government may kindly consider the proposals favourably as it can help the coconut farmers to increase their income and State Domestic Product

I request you to kindly bring the above facts to the attention of the Hon'ble Agriculture Minister of Karnataka for taking up to be included in the new budget of the state,

Yours sincerely,

(T.K. Jose)

To

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