

Govt to Distribute 10 Lakh Dwarf Palms in a Year: Oommen Chandy

Chief Minister Shri Oommen Chandy has inaugurated the third Neera production plant in the State at Maruthonkara near Kuttiyadi in Kozhikode. The plant, put up by Kuttiyadi Coconut Farmers' Producer Company Limited, is one of the largest units registered under the Coconut Development Board (CDB) with a production capacity of 8,000 litres per day. "The subsidy announced for the Neera production societies in the State would be made available without any delay. A government order to that effect had been issued in as early as June itself," said the CM.



Shri. Oommen Chandy has also promised to take necessary measures to overcome the shortage of Neera technicians in the State by giving training to more people. He also said the government would also look into the possibilities of making adequate fund available for the training programme.

Chief Minister urged CDB to popularise hybrid dwarf varieties of coconut trees to overcome the shortage of Neera technicians. He urged CDB to plant at least a few lakh dwarf coconut trees in a time-bound manner with the help of farmers. Realising the difficulties, the minister also said that the government would distribute 10 lakh dwarf variety coconut palms per year for the next five years.

Presiding over the function, Kuttiyadi Coconut Farmers' Producer Company Limited President Babu Mannath said the high attrition rate among the Neera technicians was a major challenge the sector was facing now. He also commented that their desertion after taking the expensive training is also causing a huge financial loss to the sector.

The Kuttiyadi Neera plant, which is just over 2 acres of land at Mundavayal in Maruthonkara panchyat, has a daily capacity of producing around 8,000 litres per day. However, the plant would produce only around 1000 litres initially due to the shortage of trained hands and other technical reasons.

Shri Oommen Chandy has inaugurated the Neera distribution and distribution of remuneration to Neera technicians. Shri Mullappally Ramachandran, MP, laid the foundation stone for a coconut oil plant planned as part of the project and offered Rs 25 lakhs for the company. Shri E.K. Vijayan MLA has distributed the remuneration to coconut farmers. Shri C.K. Nanu MLA has distributed the remuneration to Coconut Producer's Federations and Shri Joy Oommen, CMD, KFC inaugurated the distribution of Neera value-added products. Shri T.K. Jose IAS, Chairman, Coconut Development Board; K.K. Lathika, MLA and Shri Shajahan Kanjiravilayil, Chairman, Consortium of Coconut Producer's Companies in Kerala were also present at the occasion.

India's 3rd Commercial Neera Processing Plant established by Kuttiady Coconut Producer Company Ltd inaugurated by Hon.Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri.Oomen Chandy on 09-08-2015



Shri.Babu Mathath, Chairman, Kuttiady Coconut Producer Company Ltd receiving CDB's subsidy of Rs 25 lakh from Shri.T.K.Jose, IAS, Chairman, Coconut Development Board



Interiors of Neera Processing plant of Kuttiady Coconut Producer Company Ltd



Sale of Value added products of Coconut and Neera manufactured by Kuttiady CPC

