

## **Expansion of area under Coconut**

Under this scheme, the financial assistance to a tune of Rs.6500 to 15000 per ha is extended depending on seedling variety / location, for planting coconut seedlings in new area. The subsidy is extended for a maximum of 4 ha and minimum area of 0.10 ha (25 cents) per beneficiary in **two equal annual installments**, as detailed below. The applicant should plant at least **10 coconut seedlings** (Non Traditional coconut growing states minimum number of seedlings 5 nos).

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<b>SN</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost Norms* (Rs/ha)</b>	<b>Subsidy/ha (25%)</b>	<b>Pattern of Assistance</b>
<b>a) Normal area</b>				
i)	<b>Tall varieties</b>	26,000	<b>6500</b>	25% of cost for a maximum of 4 ha per beneficiary, in two equal installments.
ii).	<b>Hybrid varieties</b>	27,000	<b>6750</b>	
iii).	<b>Dwarf varieties</b>	30,000	<b>7500</b>	
<b>b) Hilly and Scheduled areas</b>				
i)	<b>Tall varieties</b>	55,000	<b>13750</b>	25% of cost for a maximum of 4 ha per beneficiary, in two equal installments.
ii).	<b>Hybrid varieties</b>	55,000	<b>13750</b>	
iii).	<b>Dwarf varieties</b>	60,000	<b>15000</b>	

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 Western Ghat Development Programme. Scheduled Areas include those areas notified by Govt. of India and State Governments. This scheme is also mapped through KrishiMapper IT platform for capturing geo spatial information and thus identify the beneficiary land location.

Quality seedlings either from Government nurseries, nurseries recognized by respective State Governments or those produced by farmers themselves (certification of the Agricultural Officer is required) should be used for planting.

The application for subsidy shall be submitted in the form prescribed by the Board (<https://coconutboard.gov.in/Applicationforms.aspx>) along with the necessary documents (as mentioned in the application) with the certificate of the Agricultural / Horticultural officer of the State / CDB officer. The subsidy amount will be directly credited to the A/c of the beneficiary farmer. On receipt of 1<sup>st</sup> installment, the beneficiary may apply for 2<sup>nd</sup> year subsidy in the prescribed format of the Board (<https://coconutboard.gov.in/docs/aepape2.pdf>) certified by concerned officer.