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## FOREWORD

In the series of studies that are being made under the aegis of the Committee of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources, a study on coconut was conducted.

Coconut is an important crop largely of southern and eastern India. India is the second largest producer of coconuts in the world with an area of 17 lakh acres under this crop and an annual production of 4,600 million nuts, but it still imports copra and coconut oil to the value of about Rs. 11 crores from Malaya, Ceylon and Singapore.

The object of the present study is to analyse the measures taken so far in the production of coconuts, how far they have succeeded and how far they have failed to achieve the set objectives. This study was discussed at the meeting held in the Planning Commission on September 2, 1963 with the representatives of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture as well as the Indian Central Coconut Committee.

The study has indicated that there are potential areas for expansion of coconut cultivation in Madras, Orissa, Gujarat and the Islands of Andaman, Nicobar, Laccadive and Minicoy. There is also extensive scope for the cultivation of coconuts along the banks of canals, bunds of fields as well as in saline waste lands in the coastal belt.

Long-term measures have special importance as it is a tree crop. The study has indicated that the nursery programme should be considerably enlarged. The study has further indicated an immediate need for survey of potential areas where coconut cultivation can be extended. I hope the recommendations made in this study will receive careful consideration in the preparation of the Fourth Five Year Plan.

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