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महोदय /Sir,

विषय /Sub: Material for inclusion in the report on the significant events of the Ministry for the month of **December 2013** – reg.

The important events/discussions/decisions pertaining to Coir Board for the month of **December 2013** are furnished below.

I. S&T ACTIVITIES

- Participated in 3 days Workshop on “Recent Trends in Pavement condition Evaluation and Construction” held at the Golden Jubilee Hall in the Campus of College of Engg., Trivandrum during the period from 17-19th December 2013. organized by College of Engineering, Trivandrum in association with Kerala Highway Research Institute (KHRI). Director, R.D.T.E.(i/c) has presented a paper on “Coir geotextiles for pavement applications”, in the seminar arranged in connection with the workshop.
- Participated in Agri-Horticultural and Industrial Exhibition-2013 held at Alappuzha during the period from 21st to 29th December 2013 organized by District Agri Horticultural Society, Alappuzha, Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Kerala and S.D. College, Alappuzha. Innovative

coir products and technologies were displayed and explained to the visitors.

- Participated in Oanttukara Agri Fest-2013 held at St. Mary's L.P. School, Charammoodu during the period from 26th to 29th December 2013 and arranged the display of coir products and technologies were explained to the visitors.
- Conducted field demonstration on application of vegetable oil in water emulsion to unsoaked coir fibre in 5 coir societies viz. Feroke CVCS, Kanayankode CVCS, Karuvancherry CVCS, Annasserry CVCS and Iringalloor CVCS to whom the equipments were distributed with NRDC assistance and explained to the coir women spinners about the technology.
- Preliminary discussions held on the proposal to lay Cocolawn at the Medical College Campus, Thrissur and the design for laying the same has been prepared to begin the laying work in January 2014.

II. TRAINING

A total number of 3050 women workers were trained in spinning coir yarn and manufacture of value added products. Besides, one EDP, 7 Quality Improvement Programmes, 9 Awareness Programmes and 3 Workshops were also organized in the major coir production centres. 56 Motorised coir yarn spinning ratts were distributed to the beneficiaries and 3 exposure tours were organized. The details of SC/ST artisans trained are given below:-

	Non NER	NER
SC Artisans	862	51
ST Artisans	67	09

III. DOMESTIC MARKETING

During the month of Dec. 2013, Coir Board successfully participated in 17 Exhibitions in different cities in India.

Chairman, Coir Board called a meeting with all Associations at Pollachi on 17.12.2013 to overcome the price hike on raw materials like coconut husk and fibre and further he reviewed the Singai Coir Cluster Pvt. Ltd. (MSME CD Cluster) at Singampunari in order to complete the works in time.

The details of Coir and Coir products exported during Nov. 2013 will be sent separately.

The Hindi version of the material will also be sent separately.

This is issued with the approval of Secretary, Coir Board dated 06.01.2014.

भवदीय /Yours faithfully,

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