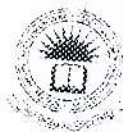


**EFFECTS OF SUBSIDIES ON COCONUT CULTIVATION IN  
BATTICALOA DISTRICT**



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## ABSTRACT

The study on effect of subsidies on coconut cultivation in Batticaloa district was carried out during the months of January and February, 2019. Using random sampling procedure and snow ball sampling procedure, sample of 80 coconut cultivators were selected and a structured questionnaire was used to collect the information through personal interview. Data were analyzed using the SPSS package with the help of Excel software.

Agricultural subsidies play an important role especially in the coconut cultivation. There are some Government institutes and Banks under several schemes for several purposes. This research based on the Coconut Cultivation Board offering subsidies to coconut cultivators in Batticalao District.

Coconut Cultivation Board has lot of subsidy schemes for farmers. The farmers should have the requirements for each scheme. They should know the categories and procedures of available subsidies in their area.

This research mainly concerns to examine the target achievements of the Coconut Cultivation Board and whether the particular coconut cultivators are receiving enough of subsidies and their aspects from the Government under the subsidy scheme.

The aim of this research is to analyze the effect of subsidies on coconut cultivation; the expectation of the farmers from the Government under the subsidy scheme; the yearly progress of the coconut cultivation board is successfully completed or not.

Socio-economic status of the respondents, infrastructure of their farm, membership details of respondents, annual income and additional income of subsidy receivers and expectations of the respondents also revealed through this study. So that, frequency

analysis, percentage analysis, cross-tabulation and independent sample t-test also done.

According to the analysis new planting subsidies, irrigation subsidies and under cropping/ inter cropping subsidies were important subsidy schemes among other schemes, which increased the annual and additional income of the respondents.

**Keywords:** Subsidies, analysis, aim, income, sampling

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