

WELFARE MEASURES

Coir Board has implemented various welfare programs for the benefit of coir workers in the coir producing states.

The Welfare Measures envisaged under the Model Coir Village Scheme included construction of workshed, sanitary latrine, smokeless chula, providing drinking water, houses for Coir workers, etc.

Kerala Coir Workers Welfare Fund Board

As per the direction of Government of India, the Board halted implementing Model Coir Village Scheme in Kerala from 1991-92 onwards. However, Board has been extending financial assistance to the Kerala Coir Workers Welfare Fund Board (KCWWFB) for implementing various welfare programs such as pension to coir workers and self employed persons in coir industry in the state. During the year 1995-96 an amount of Rs. 50 lakhs was recommended to the Government of India for making contribution to KCWWFB. Board also decided to resume an utilised amount of Rs.8.5 lakhs available in the Model Coir Village Scheme account and contribute to KCWWFB to run the Rajeev Gandhi Memorial Old Age Home. During 1995-96 the government of Kerala also contributed Rs. 40 lakhs to the KCWWFB.