

Assistance to Palmyrah Development Board in Northern Province



Scope of the Project:

On the request of Government of Sri Lanka, the Government of India approved a Project to supply laboratory equipment & instruments, chemicals, furniture and vehicles to rehabilitate, renovate and refurbish the Palmyrah Research Institute at Kithady, Jaffna, which had been badly damaged and abandoned for several years due to the conflict in the Northern Province.

Project Cost: SLR 70 million (INR 2.8 Crore)

Project Status: Completed 2011-12

Implementing Partners:

1. Ministry of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development
2. Presidential Task Force for Resettlement, Development and Security in the Northern Province
3. Palmyrah Development Board

Modality of Implementation:

The project was implemented under the Small Development Project (SDP). Government of India supplied the following items to the Palmyrah Development Board:

1. Equipment & Instruments
2. Chemicals
3. Glassware
4. Furniture
5. Vehicles

Beneficiaries: Palmyrah Development Board



Impact: High quality Palmyrah products can now be promoted in the local market and abroad so that more employment opportunities are generated and there is an incentive for growing Palmyrah palms in the land available. The outcomes include development of new techniques in the processing of Palmyrah based products, increase in the utilization rate of Palmyrah pulp through research activities, quality assurance of Palmyrah based products and increase in employment opportunity.