

**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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**Present System of Agriculture in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.**

Since beginning, the Department of Agriculture is playing a vital role in the overall development of agriculture in these Islands. Out of the total geographical area of 8249 sq. km land, the land available for agriculture activities is only about 50000 ha. At present initiatives are taken to utilize available fallow land and unutilized land under horticulture and plantation crops. The land utilization patterns are as follows:-

1. Paddy	- 12000 ha.
2. Vegetables	- 4250 ha.
3. Coconut	- 25205 ha.
4. Arecanut	- 4354 ha.
5. Fruits	- 4136 ha.
6. Spices	- 1299 ha.
7. Rubber	- 1500 ha.
8. Red Oil Palam	- 1593 ha.
9. Cashew	- 800 ha.
10. Fallow land/ Vacant land	- 461 ha.
<b>Total</b>	<b>- 55598 ha.</b> <i>(This area include inter crops also)</i>

Consequent on blanket ban imposed on clearance of further forest land for agriculture purpose, more emphasis has been given for increasing the agriculture production in the limited existing land by adopting, multiple cropping system for which department is extending all possible assistance to the farmers in the form of supplying all required agricultural inputs, technology and extension support.

Keeping in view the ever-increasing population of these Islands and very limited land available for agriculture purpose, the Department of Agriculture has formulated suitable schemes for increasing the productivity of the land from every unit area. Various facilities have been provided to the farmers by the Department of Agriculture under various plan schemes.