

From

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District Collector,
Erode District,
Tamilnadu.

To

The Director,
National Bureau of Agricultural Insect
Resources, H A Farm Post,
Hebbel, Bengaluru - 560024.

Letter No : AGRI/69/2020 Dated 21.01.2020

Sir/Madam,

Sub : Agriculture - Erode District - Coconut Rugose Spiraling Whitefly Incidence noticed in coconut gardens - Request to depute eminent scientists from the NBAIR for Field Inspection to assess the pest incidence Reg.

Ref: : Agricultural Production Commissioner & Principal Secretary to Government of Tamilnadu, Chennai Instructions Dated: 15.01.2020.



This is to bring your kind attention that Erode is one of the leading districts in Tamilnadu cultivating coconut in large scale. We have very recently found the incidences of Rugose Spiraling Whitefly on coconut and other crops in many parts of district. As per the reference cited above the Agricultural Production Commissioner & Principal Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu has instructed the district administration to assess the Coconut Rugose Spiraling Whitefly Incidence in coconut gardens of Erode district and evolve suitable strategies to control the pest. Since your institute had developed the management strategies to control the Rugose Spiraling Whitefly I kindly request you to depute the eminent scientist's from your institute expertise on the following areas.

1. Creating awareness on eco-friendly pest management strategies.
2. Training the Agricultural officers on the management of Rugose Spiraling Whitefly.
3. Establishing units for mass production of effective natural enemies.
4. Field demonstration of the efficacy of effective natural enemies.

I therefore request you to depute the following scientists of your institute to share the knowledge and expertise on the management of Rugose Spiraling Whitefly and also to participate in the field inspection on 23.01.2020 to assess the pest incidence level in the coconut gardens of Erode District.

1. Dr.R.Selvaraj
2. Dr.T.Venkatesan
3. Dr.G.Sivakumar

I hope with your valuable cooperation and support we will be able to tackle the Coconut Rugose Spiraling Whitefly.

Thanking You

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