

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH,
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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE, AMALAPURAM,
SUCCESS STORIES, 2016-17.**

1. Coconut pack house (Storage godown)

Name of the farmer	: Vasarla Lakshminarayana S/o Veeramsetty
Village:	: Godi
Mandal	: Allavaram
Crop	: Coconut
Extent	: Own -1.232 ha, Lease -2 ha
Pack house dimensions	: 48 x 24 feet (1152 sqft), 3 layers storage area
Capacity	: 2, 00,000 nuts
Storage period	: 6-10 months for dry coconut preparation
Total cost of construction of pack house:	8, 50,000 Rs
Subsidy allowed under scheme State plan 2016-17:	Rs. 2, 00,000/-

Practices of the farmer:

- a) Collects raw coconuts from the field and brings close to the pack house .
- b) After curing of raw coconuts for 10 to 15 days at ground floor, do de-husking manually leaving coiry mesocarp intact.
- c) Grading of coconuts mature and immature will be done based on weight, ringing sound on figure tapping and water content and sound.
- d) Graded mature coconuts were stacked on coconut pack house racks which are having three racks of total 2, 00,000 nuts capacity.
- e) Its takes almost 6 to 10 months based on the size of coconut, water content and availability of good aeration to become ball copra.
- f) Prepared ball copra removed from racks and packed in gunny bags, sold to traders for marketing to Maharashtra, Gujarat, West Bengal, Rajasthan markets etc.



Importance of coconut pack house to farmer:

Before pack house construction farmer had sold the raw coconuts as whole to local traders whose market price usually low, especially in some seasons which is very less profitable to farmer? After Pack hose construction in such situations he is able to store raw coconuts for ball copra preparation and can sell his produce whenever good market price is available to get good profit.