

Copra

***70. SHRI P.C. THOMAS :**
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have declared minimum support price of Copra for the year 1993-94;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that Coconut growers get adequate support price of their produce

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR):
 (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Minimum Support Price for Copra for the 1993 season has been fixed at Rs. 2150 per quintal for Milling Copra and Rs. 2350 per quintal for Ball Copra.

(d) In order to ensure that coconut growers get adequate support price for their produce, the Government has designated National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd. (NAFED) to undertake the price support operations in case prices of copra fall below the minimum support prices.

National Agricultural Extension Project

***71. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:** Will the MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects for which the Government of Rajasthan has received financial assistance from the World Bank under the National Agricultural Extension Project indicating the amount received for the purpose during the last three years;

(b) the details of the work performed with the said assistance during the above period;

(c) whether agricultural production in the State has increased as a result of implementation of the National Agricultural Extension Project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR):
 (a) The Government of Rajasthan had implemented a National Agricultural Extension Project with the World Bank assistance from 1984-85 to 1991-92 to strengthen extension services in the State at a total cost of Rs. 37 crores. The State Government received Rs. 12.88 crores on reimbursement basis during last three years. Details are given below in the Statement-I.

(b) The objective of the project was to strengthen extension/training infrastructure through positioning of incremental extension staff, training of extension personnel at various