

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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COCONUT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Coconut Development Board has indicated its readiness for a market intervention programme to support Coconut prices;
- (b) if so, whether the Coconut Development Board has started such operation in Kerala;
- (c) if so, the quantum of coconut or coconut products purchased from Kerala; and
- (d) the plan for market intervention in other parts of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (d): Government of India fixes Minimum Support Price of Copra every year. The price fixed for 2000 Season is Rs.3250/- per quintal for milling copra and Rs.3500/- per quintal for ball copra. The procurement under the scheme is made through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) which is the nodal agency for the purpose for copra. The State-wise progress of procurement as on 20th November, 2000 is given below:-

State	Quantity of copra procured (Metric Tonnes)
1. Kerala	65,840
2. Tamil Nadu	66,700
3. Andhra Pradesh	10,401
4. Lakshadweep	2,004
5. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2,487
Total	1,47,432