

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4072
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REMUNERATIVE PRICE OF COPRA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to increase the remunerative prices of copra from Rs.31.25 to Rs.42/-;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to allow NABARD to purchase copra through Co-operative Marketing Committees directly from the farmers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor? A N S W E R

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (e) The price policy for copra for 2000 season is under consideration of the Government. The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd. (NAFED) has been instructed to purchase copra under Price Support Scheme (PSS) at the MSRate of 1999 until Minimum Support Price for copra for the Current Season is announced. NAFED has already started procurement operation through state level agencies viz., Kerala Coconut Growers' Federation Ltd.(KERAFED) and Kerala State Co-op. Marketing Federation Ltd. (MARKETFED) and as on 12.04.2000, a quantity of 120 MTs of copra has been purchased under PSS by NAFED in Kerala. Further procurement is in progress.