

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:127  
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MARKET INTERVENTION SCHEME FOR ARECANUT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted a scheme for market intervention of Arecanut;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme;
- (c) whether Arecanut farmers are facing crisis due to very low price for their produce;
- (d) if so, the details of the price of Arecanut during the last five years; and
- (e) the details of action taken on the scheme for financial assistance for market intervention of Arecanut?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala has submitted a schme for MarketIntervention of Arecanut (Chali) for the season January to June, 2003. The Government of Kerala has proposed to procure 9000 MT Arecanut during the season at the Market Intervention Price of Rs.65 per kg. As per the guidelines of the scheme, the State Government has proposd to bear 50% of losses to be incurred on implementation of the scheme.

(c) & (d): As per the proposal the current market price of Arecanut (Chali) in Kerala were ruling around Rs.3905-3779 per qtl. in the month of May/June 2002 against the production cost of Rs.6500 per qtl. of Arecanut (Chali). As reported by the State Government, the average price of Arecanut per quintal during thee years 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 has been Rs.6016, 6408, 8116, 11626 and 6512 respectively.

(e): In its proposal, the State Government has not furnished the figures of production during the year 2001-02 and anticipated production and the expected prices for the season 2003. As per the guidelines of the scheme this information is required for taking a decision on implementation of the MIS in the State. The State Government has been requested to furnish this information.