

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2166
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FIX UP MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR COPRA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have fixed the MSP of fair average quality of milling copra and ball copra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the NAFED have procured copra from the market;
- (d) if so, whether the Government of Kerala has requested the Union Government to start procurement; and
- (e) if so, the details of steps taken by the Government?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir, the Government has fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Milling and Ball copra of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) at Rs. 3300 and Rs.3550 per quintal respectively for 2002 season.
- (c): Yes, Sir, the National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.(NAFED) has undertaken procurement of copra under Price Support Scheme (PSS) in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Goa.
- (d) & (e): The Government of Kerala has requested the Central Government to start procurement for 2002 season under the existing guidelines. Agencies nominated by the State Government of Kerala could not commence procurement on account of their inability to follow various guidelines fixed in the procedure. However, during the period the credit line was available to NAFED, the market prices of copra improved and are currently ruling between Rs.3900 and Rs.4050 per quintal.