

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:136
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PRICE OF ARECANUT
RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to announce floor price for Arecanut to help the farmers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There is no proposal announce floor price for arecanut. However, to protect the interest of the arecanut growers, the Government has implemented Market Intervention Scheme(MIS) for procurement of arecanut based on specific request from the individual State Governments and the losses incurred, if any, in its operation, are shared equally by the Centre and the States. During 2002-03, under MIS, a quantity of 2925 tonnes of arecanut was procured in Karnataka at the rate of Rs.6000 per quintal. Similarly during 2002-03 under the scheme, a quantity of 756 tonnes of arecanut was procured at the rate of Rs.5500/- per quintal in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.