

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:275  
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2010  
PROCUREMENT OF COPRA BY NAFED  
Ray Shri Bishnu Pada

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) is procuring copra under the minimum support price in the country including Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (b) if so, the quantity of copra procured, rate of procurement, sale price and the amount paid to the copra farmers during the current financial year;
- (c) the target fixed for such procurement and achievement in this regard;
- (d) whether any dues is outstanding against NAFED;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (f) the quantity of copra lying in the godown of NAFED in Kolkata at present; and
- (g) the steps being taken to protect the interest of copra farmers in the country, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 275 DUE FOR REPLY ON 16TH MARCH, 2010.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. NAFED being the Central Nodal Agency under Price Support Scheme (PSS) has procured 59333 MT of Milling Copra at Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs.4450 per quintal upto 8.3.2010 in the country. This includes, 5897 MT of Milling Copra procured in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. NAFED has also procured 1250 MT of Ball Copra in Karnataka at the MSP of Rs.4700 per quintal and 1900 MT of Milling Copra (special grade) in Andhra Pradesh at the MSP of Rs.3900 per quintal. NAFED has so far, sold 11075 MT of Milling Copra in the price range of Rs.2650 to Rs.3750 per quintal and 1250 MT of Ball Copra in the price range of Rs.4000 to Rs.4400 per quintal. NAFED has paid Rs.276.61 crores against procurement of Copra under PSS during 2009-10.

(c): No targets are fixed for procurement of copra under PSS, as the purchases under the scheme are continued during the period the market prices rule below the MSP.

(d) & (e): There is no outstanding dues against NAFED in respect of Copra procured under PSS during 2009-10.

(f): A quantity of 4681 MT of Milling Copra is lying in the godowns at Kolkata.

(g): NAFED, being the Central Nodal Agency, has been making all efforts to procure the stocks of Milling & Ball Copra under PSS in all the producing States, in order to protect the interest of Copra farmers in the country. During 2009-10, a quantity of 62483 MT Copra has been procured under the PSS upto 8.3.2010 as per the following State-wise break up:

Variety State Qty. in MT

Milling Copra Tamil Nadu 26129

Kerala 25760

A&N Islands 5897

Lakshdweep 1547

Milling Copra Andhra Pradesh 1900

(Special Grade)

Ball Copra Karnataka 1250

Total 62483