

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF COPRA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to procure fair average quality of Ball Copra under Minimum Support Price;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether various State Governments including Karnataka have requested the Union Government to relax the condition regarding the size of copra while fixing MSP;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): The Government has announced the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of Ball Copra at Rs.4700 per quintal for 2010 season. In case the market prices of copra falls below the MSP, to safeguard the interest of farmers, the procurement agency, i.e. NAFED, would procure Ball Copra at the MSP.

(c) to (e): During 2009 season, the Government of Karnataka requested to the Government of India to relax the FAQ norms of Copra, particularly the size of Ball Copra from 75 mm to 45 mm diameter for procurement under Price Support Scheme (PSS). The request of Government of Karnataka was agreed to by reducing the Minimum Support Price (MSP) at 10% less to the MSP fixed for Ball Copra during 2009.