

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3720  
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MGP FOR ARECANUT  
Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Karnataka regarding Minimum Guaranteed Price (MGP) for Arecanut;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the 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) to (c): Yes, Madam. The Government of Karnataka requested the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation to sanction 10,000 MT of arecanut (6000 MT white variety + 4000 MT red variety) for procurement under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS). However, as per the provisions of MIS, the Department has sanctioned procurement of 6000 MT of arecanut (white variety) at the Market Intervention Price (MIP) of Rs.6,900/- per MT during 2009-10.