

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MSP FOR PLANTATION CROPS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has declared Minimum Support Price (MSP) for plantation crops; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof, crop-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): Government of India fixes Minimum Support Prices(MSPs) for 25 agricultural commodities namely: Paddy, Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Ragi, Wheat, Barley, Gram, Arhar (Tur), Moong, Urad, Masur(Lentil), Cotton, Groundnut – in - shell, Jute, Rapeseed/Mustard, Sunflower Seed, Soyabean, Safflower, Toria, Tobacco (VFC), Copra, De-husked Coconut, Sesamum and Nigerseed. Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) is fixed in respect of sugarcane. For the crop season 2009, the Government of India has fixed MSP of Milling Copra at Rs.4450/- per quintal and for Ball Copra at Rs.4700/- per quintal for FAQ variety which is higher by Rs.790/- per quintal over the MSP of 2008 crop season. The MSP for De-husked coconut has been fixed at Rs.1200/- per quintal for 2009 crop season.

For other agricultural commodities including plantation crops Government of India implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) on the request of State/UT Government for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities generally perishable in nature which are not covered under MSP. The objective is to protect the growers of those commodities from incurring losses due to distress sale in the event of bumper crop. Losses incurred, if any, by the procuring agencies are shared between Central Government and concerned State Government on 50:50 basis (75:25 in case of North Eastern States). The amount of loss to be shared is restricted to 25 per cent of the procurement cost.

On the request of Government of Karnataka, Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) has been implemented and 6000 MT of white variety of arecanut and 4000 MT of Red variety of arecanut, from 01-03-2009 to 30-06-2009, were procured at Market Intervention Prices (MIP) of Rs.6900/- and Rs.8900/- per quintal respectively.