

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2189
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PRICE OF COCONUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to announce a separate price for coconut by recognising the Andhra Pradesh coconut as special grade coconut and to start procurement under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the steps have been taken to establish purchasing centers in Andhra Pradesh through NAFED; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a) & (b): In view of the different cultivation and harvesting practices in Andhra Pradesh, State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested Ministry of Agriculture to allow wrinkled copra up to 30% while fixing FAQ standard during the procurement in 2012 season. A meeting on the subject has been fixed for 26.03.2012 with the concerned officers of State Government.
- (c) & (d): NAFED has made all necessary arrangements to undertake procurement of copra under Price Support Scheme (PSS) in all the copra producing states including Andhra Pradesh during 2012.