

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF COPRA

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

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of copra in the country during the last one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the interests of copra farmers throughout the country?

**Answer**

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) Government of India has taken up following measures to protect the interest of the copra farmers:-

- I. announcing Minimum Support Price (MSP) for milling and edible grade ball copra as well as dehusked mature coconut annually.
- II. extended financial assistance to encourage processing of quality copra @ 25 percent of total cost of dryers.
- III. formation of Coconut Producers Societies to promote the procurement and production of copra is under process.