

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT 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 Coconut Growers' Associations and reiterated that it should procure coconuts and copra from coconut growers directly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Thanjavur District Coconut Producer's Association has raised the problems faced by the coconut growers and requested for raising Minimum Support Price (MSP) of copra.

(c): Government of India announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) for milling and edible grade ball copra and for de-husked coconut sufficiently in advance to the procurement season every year. For the year 2012, Government of India has raised MSP of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) milling copra from Rs.4525/ Qtl. to Rs.5100/ Qtl. and Rs.4775/ Qtl. to Rs.5350/ Qtl. for ball copra. For de-husked coconut, MSP has been raised from Rs.1200/ Qtl. to Rs.1400/ Qtl. for this period.