

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MSP FOR ARECANUT

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments to increase the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for arecanut; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b) Under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme those commodities are covered which are mostly items of mass consumption of all India nature with fairly long shelf life and / or necessary for food/nutrition security. Arecanut is not covered under MSP, but covered under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), which is implemented on the requests of State Governments for procurement of perishable and horticultural commodities in the event of fall in market prices.