

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF OIL PALM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of production of oil palm in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for inclusion of oil palm in the list of crops for Minimum Support Price;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government so far in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) The State-wise and year-wise details of production of Oil Palm Fresh Fruit Bunches under Oil Palm Development Programme (ISOPOM) are as under:

(in MT)

S.No.	State	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
1	Andhra Pradesh	347892.00	385009.00	573024.00
2	Karnataka	6387.00	8337.00	9942.21
3	Tamil Nadu	2079.50	2919.90	4742.50
4	Gujarat	5.73	25.50	90.78
5	Orissa	3464.00	5128.00	12720.00
6	Goa	1590.56	1877.53	2229.22

7 Kerala 35100.00 41000.00 43200.00

8 Mizoram 32.24 88.39 479.69

Total 396551.03 444385.32 646428.40

(b) to (d) Government of Andhra Pradesh had earlier requested for including oil palm in the list of crops identified for announcing Minimum Support Price (MSP). Under the 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. Since oil palm is a perishable commodity, it is not covered under MSP. However, it is 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. The above position has been communicated to Government of Andhra Pradesh.

On the request of Government of Andhra Pradesh, Ministry of Agriculture has sanctioned Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of 90,000 MT of Oil Palm Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) at the Market Intervention Price (MIP) of Rs.5720/- per MT with overhead expenses of Rs.100/- MT or actual whichever is less from 1.01.2013 to 31.03.2013 in the state