

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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SUPPORT PRICE FOR COPRA  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has received a request from the State Government of Kerala to increase the support price of copra due to the serious distress among the coconut farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the Union Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government of India has received a request from the Government of Kerala suggesting that the MSP of milling copra be fixed at Rs.6000 per quintal for 2013 season.

(c): In order to ensure remunerative prices to the growers of agricultural commodities, the Government of India, on the recommendation of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), announces the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for various notified agricultural commodities including Copra. While fixing the MSP for Copra, the Government of India has also taken into account the views of the State Governments, Central Ministries and such other relevant factors which are considered important for the fixation of Minimum Support Prices. The CACP, while formulating its recommendations on price policy considers, inter-alia, a number of factors which include cost of production, changes in input prices, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, international market price situation etc.

For 2013 season, weighted average cost of production for copra at all-India level was estimated at Rs. 4936 per quintal. Taking into account these costs and other relevant factors, Government of India has already increased the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Milling Copra for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) from Rs.5100/- per quintal for 2012 season to Rs.5250/- per quintal for 2013 season, which is higher by 2.94% as compared to previous season. Similarly for FAQ of Ball Copra, the MSP has been increased from Rs.5350 per quintal for 2012 season to Rs.5500/- per quintal for 2013 season, which is higher by 2.80% as compared to previous season.