

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2911
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QUALITY OF COPRA
Swamygowda Shri N Cheluvaraya Swamy

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to procure fair average quality of Ball Copra under Minimum Support Price;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether various State Governments including Karnataka have requested the Union Government to relax the condition regarding the size of copra while fixing MSP;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. NAFED, as a central nodal agency for procurement of copra, has procured 1250 MT of ball copra valuing Rs.638.38 lakh at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs.47000/- per MT during 2009 season.

(c) to (e): The Government of Karnataka had requested Government of India to relax the norms of Fair Average Quality of copra size/diameter from 75mm to 45mm. Considering the hardship faced by the farmers, the Government of India acceded to the request of the Government of Karnataka by reducing the price 10% less than the MSP of Rs.47000/- per MT.