

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT THROUGH CO-OPERATIVES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering any proposal to involve the Co-operative Agencies to procure farmers produce and release it in the market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to allow exports and supply more Coconut oil through the Public Distribution System and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. In order to achieve better outreach of procurement machinery to the farmers State Government agencies engage Co-operative Societies and Self Help Groups which work as aggregators of produce from farmers and bring the produce to purchase centres being operated in particular locations/areas. These are involved in addition to the direct purchase from farmers by Food Corporation of India or State Government Agencies. This practice is prevailing for many years in the States like Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Rajasthan etc. For these operations, co-operative societies are presently entitled for a Commission.

(c): The Government has no such proposal at present, under consideration.