

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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Assistance to Coconut Farmers  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to assist the coconut farmers in Tamil Nadu due to sudden fall in procurement price of coconut in recent months and farmers faced heavy revenue losses on coconut production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to direct the National Agricultural Co-operative marketing Federation of India (NAFED) to assist the coconut farmers by procuring and marketing the coconuts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the other corrective steps taken by the Government to protect the coconut growers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a) to (d): Copra, a major product of coconut, is covered under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) for which Government announces the Minimum Support Price (MSP) every year season-wise after taking into account the various factors influencing the cost of cultivation of the particular commodity. Government has fixed the MSP for fair Average Quality (FAQ) Milling Copra at Rs. 5550/- per quintal and Rs. 5830/- for Ball Copra for 2015 season. The prices of coconut and its main products viz. copra and coconut oil is showing a decreasing trend since the beginning of May, 2015. However, this is still above the MSP fixed by the Government. NAFED procures Milling Copra and Ball Copra immediately after its implementation by the Government in a State as per the guidelines for PSS for oilseeds and pulses.

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