

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2459  
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Reduction in Coconut Price  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the action taken by the Government on the request of the State Government of Kerala relating to price reduction of coconut due to heavy import of Palm oil by State Trading Corporation of India;
- (b) if so, whether the Government will intervene to protect the Coconut Growers of Kerala; and
- (c) the actions taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a): State Trading Corporation (STC) imported 21,163 MT of palm oil on behalf of its Indian Associates which is only 0.36% of the total palm oil import of 58,50,719 MT during November 2014 to June 2015.

(b) & (c): To protect coconut growers in the country including Kerala, Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of copra and de-husked coconut for 2015-16 have been increased and fixed at ₹5,550/ quintal and ₹5,830/quintal respectively.

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