

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2161
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH MARCH, 2023

INCREASING MSP

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to increase Minimum Support Price (MSP) for copra and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government plans to increase the procurement prices for rubber through rubber board and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has noticed that there is a decline in agriculture productivity due to excessive usage of chemical fertilizers and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to promote natural farming;
- (d) whether any incentives are being provided to farmers for purchase of seeds and other raw materials and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has observed that coconut yield per hectare has been coming down in Kerala and if so, the steps taken to improve the same; and
- (f) whether any financial incentives are provided to coconut farmers of Kerala and if so, the details regarding the same for Kerala district-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Government fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 22 mandated agricultural crops and Fair & Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane, on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) considering

the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/ Departments concerned and other relevant factors. Rubber is not amongst the mandated crops under MSP. The MSP for milling copra has been fixed at ₹ 10860/- per quintal and for ball copra at ₹ 11750/- per quintal for 2023 season. There is an increase of ₹270 per quintal for milling copra and ₹750/- per quintal for ball copra over the previous season.

(c): As per Second Advance Estimates for 2022-23, total foodgrain production in the country is estimated at 323.55 million tonnes which is all time high. Similarly, total horticulture production in the country is estimated at record of 342.33 million tonnes as per 3rd Advance Estimate for 2021-22. The record production, being a function of productivity, reflects pro-active efforts and farmer-friendly policies of government in the agriculture sector. Government is promoting natural farming through a sub-scheme namely Bharatiya Prakritik Paddhati (BPKP) under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yajana (PKVY). Under BPKP, natural farming is being promoted in cluster of 500 hectares and ₹12200 per hectare is provided for three years, in which ₹2000 is provided as incentives to farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer. Farmers are being encouraged to adopt natural farming by wide publicity through press and print media, publication of leaflets/booklets, organisation of workshops, exhibitions, farmers fairs etc.

(d): Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Sub-Mission on Seeds & Planting Materials (SMSP) from 2014-15 to promote production and multiplication of quality seeds. Under SMSP, Seed Village Programme is implemented to upgrade the quality of farmer's saved seeds. Under the programme, financial assistance for foundation/certified seeds at 50% subsidy for cereal crop and 60% subsidy for pulses, oilseeds, fodder and green manure crops for production of quality seeds is provided for one acre per farmer. In addition, financial assistance is also provided for different seeds related activities under other schemes viz. National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana- Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture & Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) etc.

(e) & (f): To improve the production and yield of coconut in the state of Kerala, Coconut Development Board (CDB) is implementing schemes such as Integrated Farming in Coconut Holdings For Productivity Improvement and Replanting and Rejuvenation of Coconut Gardens. During the year 2021-22, CDB has covered about 274.29 hectares new area under coconut with financial assistance of ₹16.38 lakh to 993 farmers. District-wise details are given in Annexure.

District-wise details of financial assistance to the farmers for coconut in Kerala

S. No.	District	No. of Farmers	Area (Ha)	Amount (₹ in lakh)
1.	Alappuzha	25	7.39	0.274
2.	Ernakulam	48	17.97	0.870
3.	Idukki	68	17.42	1.101
4.	Kannur	84	30.51	1.860
5.	Kasaragod	51	7.96	0.334
6.	Kollam	18	6.14	0.209
7.	Kottayam	25	12.42	0.620
8.	Kozhikode	126	49.02	3.296
9.	Malappuram	62	22.54	1.365
10.	Palakkad	64	33.69	2.103
11.	Pathanamthitta	15	3.79	0.179
12.	Thissur	6	2.59	0.141
13.	Trivandrum	15	3.97	0.134
14.	Wayanad	386	58.88	3.887
	Total	993	274.29	16.373
