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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 505
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2024

COCONUT PROCURED BY NAFED AT MSP PRICE

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

- (a) the details of Coconut (Copra) procured by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) at Minimum Support Price (MSP) Price from 2017 to till date, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is selling the Coconut (Copra) in the open market much less than the MSP price which was procured, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is procuring only 20 per cent of copra at MSP in the State of Tamil Nadu for the year 2022-2023 and if so, the reasons for the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a): The state-wise details of Copra (Milling & Ball) procured by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) under Price Support Scheme (PSS) at Minimum Support Price (MSP) from 2017 to till date, are at Annexure-I.

(b): As per PSS guidelines, Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs) have to dispose off the procured commodities under PSS through competitive bidding like e-auctions, open auction, using multiple online platforms etc. The disposal shall be carried out in most transparent and competitive manner well within the biological life of the procured stock and in the off season when the prices of the produced are usually high to secure highest price and minimum loss.

NAFED sells the procured copra under PSS through four online portals that undertake online auction for price discovery. The bidders quote their offer price based on the prevailing market rate. Accordingly, the market discovers the rate through a price discovery mechanism which is based on the prevailing market rates.

(c): As per the provision of PSS guidelines, the overall quantity of procurement by central government will be restricted to 25% of the actual production of the commodity for that particular season. During procurement season 2022, out of sanction quantity of 50,000 MT, NAFED procured a quantity of 40,644.85 MT of Milling Copra under PSS at an MSP of Rs. 10,590 per quintal benefitting 18,782 farmers in Tamil Nadu. Similarly, during procurement season 2023, out of sanction quantity of 88,000 MT, NAFED procured a quantity of 79,003.03 MT of Milling Copra under PSS at an MSP of Rs. 10,860 per quintal benefitting 47,025 farmers in Tamil Nadu.

State-wise details of Copra procured by NAFED under PSS at MSP from 2017 to till date

Year	State	Commodity	Quantity Procured (in MTS)	MSP Value (Rs in lakh)	Number of Farmers benefitted
2017-18	-	-	-	-	-
2018-19	-	-	-	-	-
2019-20	Tamil Nadu	Ball Copra	0.18	0.17	5
		Milling Copra	310.32	298.64	930
2020-21	Karnataka	Ball Copra	5,030.00	5,191.24	3,905
			13.31	13.70	10
	Tamil Nadu	Milling Copra	29.75	35.44	46
2021-22	Tamil Nadu	Milling Copra	32.95	34.05	115
2022-23	Kerala	Milling Copra	256.57	270.95	631
	Tamil Nadu		40,644.85	42,988.53	18,782
2023-24	Karnataka	Ball Copra	50,184.08	58,966.29	35,235
	A& N Islands	Milling Copra	80.00	86.88	40
	Andhra Pradesh		4,035.95	4,383.04	2,562
	Kerala		1,121.56	1,218.01	6,209
	Tamil Nadu		79,003.03	85,797.29	47,025
