

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1670
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STORAGE OF COPRA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken any steps for the storage of copra in open market;
- (b) if so, the total amount of copra is available in open market;
- (c) the total quantity of copra has been collected by NAFED from the open market so far; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (d) Under the Price Support Scheme (PSS), the selected oilseeds and pulses (including copra) are procured by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) which is a Central Nodal agency, when the price of these commodities fall below the Minimum Support Price (MSP). For the season 2000, Government of India declared MSP of Rs.3250 per qtl. for milling copra and Rs.3500 per qtl. for Ball Copra.

NAFED so far has procured the following quantities of copra in different States and made facilities to store the same:-

STATE	QTY. PURCHASED (MTs)
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Kerala	45230
Lakshadweep	2004
Tamil Nadu	18986
Andhra Pradesh (FAQ)	55
(Spl. Grade)	2523

Total	68798
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Out of the total quantity of 68798 MTs, a quantity of 64673 MTs has been deposited in the warehouses and the remaining is in the process of shifting to warehouses.