

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE OF COPRA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has increased the minimum support price of copra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the demands raised by the copra growers;
- (d) the losses incurred by NAFED while undertaking price support operations of copra during each of the last three years; and
- (e) the funds out of them reimbursed by the Union Government to NAFED?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): On the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Prices Commission(CACP), the Government of India announced Minimum Support Price (MSP) for each season for milling and ball copra. The following are the MSP declared by the Government of India for the last five years :

(Figures in Rupees per quintal of FAQ Copra)
Year Milling copra Ball copra

2002-03	3300	3320
2003-04	3500	3570
2004-05	3590	3550
2005-06	3570	3750
2006-07	3820	3840

(c) to (e): The Government of India implements Price Support Scheme (PSS) through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) which is the Central nodal agency to undertake PSS operations. The details of copra procured by NAFED under Price Support Scheme (PSS), and the losses suffered by NAFED, and funds sanctioned to NAFED for reimbursement by the Government of India are as under :-

Crop Season Qty.Procured Value Loss (-)/Profit(+) Funds sanctioned
(January in Metric Tons In Rs.lakh In Rs.lakh by Govt.
to December) In Rs.lakh

2002	7468	2518.50	(-)336.59	336.59
2003	824	234.02	(+)6.82	NIL
2004#	-	-	-	-
2005	2935	1167.26	(-)234.0	(estimated) NIL

#No procurement since the prices prevailed more than the MSP level.