

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF COPRA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any permanent scheme for procurement of Copra by Coconut Development Board (CDB) from the farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the benefits being accrued to the farmers therefrom?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): No, Sir. However, Government of India is implementing Price Support Scheme under which Minimum Support Price (MSP) is announced for every season in consultation with the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.(NAFED) being the nodal agency for the procurement operations of Copra under the scheme, procuring Copra for price stabilization above the Minimum Support Price.

(c): MSP is an assurance from the Government to intervene in the market operations of procurement of Copra, whenever the market price falls below the MSP announced for each season. The policy of the Government benefits the farmers to derive reasonable price for their produce. NAFED has procured about 2729 MT of Copra under the Price Support Scheme during 2006 Season.