

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

- (a) Whether the price of `Copra` has suddenly declined in the country especially in Tiptur, Tumkur, Arasikere in Karnataka ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The steps taken by the Union Government to give remunerative prices to Copra growers ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Copra of different varieties are grown mainly in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. Their prices tend to vary depending on varieties, quality inter-alia. An important variety of Copra is the `Ball` variety. The price of `Ball` variety of Copra in Kerala (Kozhikode) stood at Rs.4800.00 per quintal in January,2006 compared to Rs.3700.00 per quintal in November,2006. The price of `Ball` variety at Arasikere market in Karnataka stood at Rs.7210.00 and Rs.4000.00 per quintal during the said months. However, the price of local variety of Copra at Mangalore market stood at Rs.2700.00 and Rs.3100.00 per quintal at the said months.

(c) : In order to give remunerative prices to growers of Copra (viz. Milling Copra and Ball Copra), Government fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) on the basis of recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). The CACP takes into account the costs of production of Copra and other relevant factors. On 6.1.2006, the Government fixed MSP of Rs.3590.00 per quintal for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) variety of Milling Copra and Rs.3840 per quintal for FAQ variety Ball Copra for 2006 marketing year. Prices of FAQ Ball Copra in Karnataka marketing centres during the recent months had been ruling above MSP.