

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COCONUT PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of coconut produced in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the production of coconut is declining continuously in various States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the steep fall in the prices of coconut has adversely affected the farmers;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to assist the coconut farmers and provide remunerative prices for their produce?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a): Yes, Madam. The total quantity of coconut produced in the country during the last three years and the current year as follows:

Year	Production
2008-09	15729.7 million nuts #
2009-10	10824.3 K MT #
2010-11	10840.0 K MT #
2011-12	11686.1 K MT (first estimate) #

Source: #Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture
Advisor (Horticulture), Ministry of Agriculture

(b): No.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): Yes, the coconut price declined from Rs. 7400 per 1000 nuts in December 2011 to Rs. 5500 per 1000 nuts in October 2012.

(f): 1. Government of India has been implementing following developmental schemes for extending technical and financial assistance to coconut farmers:

- (i) Production and Distribution of Planting Material
- (ii) Expansion of Area under Coconut
- (iii) Replanting and Rejuvenation of Coconut Gardens
- (iv) Integrated Farming for Productivity Improvement
- (v) Technology Demonstration
- (vi) Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme
- (vii) Market Promotion & Statistics
- (viii) Human Resource Development
- (ix) Technology Mission on Coconut and

(x) Information and Information Technology

2. Government of India has also been announcing Minimum Support Price (MSP) for copra every year to safeguard the coconut farmers.

3. Government of India has procured 59275 MT of copra during 2012 against 343 MT in 2011, to ensure higher remunerative price.