

**Title:** Need to announce support price of coconut at Rs. 5000/- per quintal and to instruct NAFED and other Government agencies to procure Copra from farmers.

SHRI P. SANKARAN (CALICUT): Sir, my name is in the list. (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: You may please speak now.

SHRI P. SANKARAN : I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the problems of thousands of coconut growers of Kerala. Coconut cultivation is the backbone of the economy of Kerala. Any reduction in the price of coconut will adversely affect the people of Kerala.

I am sorry to say that the market price of coconut has come down to Rs. 2,555/- per quintal. The support price that the Central Government used to announce every year has not been announced so far. The support price may be fixed immediately to at least Rs. 5,000/- per quintal. The NAFED and other Government agencies may be entrusted to procure copra, otherwise it will cause irreparable loss and hardship to the farmers of Kerala.

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MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, there are 24 Members listed for the Zero Hour.

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SHRI E. AHAMED (MANJERI): Sir, I may be permitted to raise a very important matter. (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: I have to call all the names. Please take your seat. I will give chance to you. There are 24 names listed for the Zero Hour. would I request all the hon. Members to take only two minutes each so that I can accommodate all the Members. Now, Shri T. Govindan.