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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2648**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

**SUPPORT TO COPRA FARMERS**

2648. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of copra procured directly from the farmers in Tamil Nadu through TANFED and regulated markets under the Price Support Scheme of the Union Government during the last two years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the price at which copra was procured from farmers and the price at which it was sold in the market and to whom during the last two years, year-wise and district-wise;
- (c) whether the farmers have complained that the price is not remunerative enough in view of the high input costs; and
- (d) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a) : During the year 2022, a quantity of 40,593.51 MT of copra was procured under Price Support Scheme (PSS) in the state of Tamil Nadu. Out of which, a quantity of 1,083 MT of copra was procured through TANFED. Further, during the year 2023, a quantity of 79,003.03 MT of copra was procured in the state. However, during the year, no procurement was made through TANFED.

(b) to (d) : Under PSS, commodities are procured from farmers at MSP. The district-wise procurement of copra under PSS in the state of Tamil Nadu is at Annexure-I. The district-wise quantity of copra sold, its disposal price and name of the party to whom it was sold in the state of Tamil Nadu under PSS during the last two years is at Annexure-II.

Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of 22 mandated agricultural crops including Milling Copra and Ball Copra on the basis of the recommendation of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of concerned State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned and other relevant factors. While recommending MSPs, CACP considers important factors like cost

of production, overall demand-supply situation of various crops in domestic and world markets, domestic and international prices, inter-crop price parity, terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sector, likely effect of price policy on rest of the economy and a minimum of 50 percent as the margin over cost of production.

The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSP at levels of one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government has increased the MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other commercial crops with a return of at least 50 per cent over all India weighted average cost of production from the agricultural year 2018-19. In line with the same principle, Government announced the increase in MSP of Copra (Milling & Ball) for the calendar year 2023. Details of MSP of Copra (Milling & Ball) for the calendar year 2022 & 2023 are as under:-

(Rs. per quintal)

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Variety</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Copra	Milling	10,590	10,860
	Ball	11,000	11,750

Procurement details of Milling Copra under PSS in the State of Tamil Nadu during 2022 & 2023 season					
State	District	2022		2023	
		MSP Rs. 10590 (per quintal)	Purchase Quantity (in MTs)	MSP Rs. 10860 (per quintal)	Purchase Quantity (in MTs)
Tamil Nadu Co-operative Marketing Federation Limited (TANFED) & Tamil Nadu M/s.Tamilnadu State Agricultural Marketing Board (TNSAMB)	COIMBATORE	10590.00	17744.01	10860.00	28206.35
	DHARMAPURI		12.45		69.80
	DINDIGUL		857.00		2129.40
	ERODE		2081.49		8196.97
	THENI		3.95		101.40
	TIRUCHIRAPPALLI		-		81.00
	TIRUNELVELI		46.14		584.01
	TIRUVARUR		151.80		589.95
	VELLORE		50.75		103.00
	VIRUDHUNAGAR		249.80		394.85
	THANJAVUR		4693.94		8789.00
	NAGAPATTINAM		-		498.70
	SALEM		152.80		509.55
	NAMAKKAL		425.00		2540.45
	MADURAI		16.90		162.00
	PUDUKKOTTAI		724.13		1204.80
	TIRUPPUR		12856.75		23557.15
	THOOTHUKUDI		121.70		221.60
	KRISHNAGIRI		98.55		149.75
	SIVAGANGAI		280.85		545.20
	KANYAKUMARI		2.00		47.65
RAMANATHAPURAM	23.50	107.95			
KARUR	-	180.75			
TIRUPATHUR	-	31.75			
<b>Total</b>			<b>40593.51</b>		<b>79003.03</b>

<b>District &amp; PARTY WISE DISPOSAL DETAILS OF PSS Milling COPRA 2022</b>				
<b>S.No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Name of the parties</b>	<b>Sale Rate (Per qtl.)</b>	<b>Sale Quantity (in qtl.)</b>
1	Salem	Marico Ltd.	8,400.00	5,000.00
2		Chenniappa Exports	8,310.00	2,000.00
3		Marico Ltd.	8,310.00	1,000.00
4		Marico Ltd.	8,300.00	1,000.00
5		Marico Ltd.	8,290.00	3,000.00
6		Marico Ltd.	8,275.00	5,100.00
7		Marico Ltd.	8,255.00	4,900.00
8		Marico Ltd.	8,200.00	6,000.00
9		Marico Ltd.	8,200.00	10,099.00
10		Marico Ltd.	8,200.00	6,000.00
11		Chenniappa Exports	8,205.00	1,500.00
12		Coulour Traders	8,205.00	1,000.00
13		APJ Abdul Kalam Edu Sev.	8,205.00	1,000.00
14		Platinum Trading Company	8,205.00	1,500.06
15		Marico Ltd.	8,205.00	10,099.00
16		NM Coconut Oil Merchants	8,205.00	1,800.00
17		Chenniappa Exports	8,205.00	1,500.00
		<b>Total</b>		<b>62,498.06</b>
18	Coimbatore	Colour Traders	8,205.00	1,500.00
19		Keram Oil Mills P LTD	8,211.00	3,000.00
20		M K Fibre	8,505.00	1,500.00
21		Marico LTD	8,501.00	5,000.12
22		Marico LTD	8,205.00	5,100.00
23		Marico LTD	8,205.00	5,100.00
24		Marico LTD	8,205.00	5,000.00
25		Marico LTD	8,211.00	1,500.00
26		Namazco Trades And Exports PVT LTD	8,211.00	1,000.00
		<b>Total</b>		<b>28,700.12</b>
27	Tirupur	BALAJI AGRO PRODUCTS	8,205.00	1,300.00
28		EMS COCOS	8,200.00	1,000.04
29		K M Oil INDUSTRIES	8,505.00	1,700.00
30		KERAM Oil Mills P LTD	8,212.00	1,999.95
31		KERAM Oil Mills P LTD	8,200.00	1,999.97
32		Marico LTD	8,205.00	9,999.96
33		Marico LTD	8,212.00	3,527.43
34		Namazco Trades And Exports PVT LTD	8,212.00	1,999.97
35	Namazco Trades And Exports PVT LTD	8,200.00	1,000.01	
		<b>Total</b>		<b>24,527.33</b>
		<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>115,725.51</b>

Note: Disposal of Copra was discontinued with onset of procurement for 2023 season in the state.

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