
The Government of India has approved the Price Policy for Copra for 2017 season and following decisions have been taken with respect to MSP of Copra:

I. The Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of “Milling Copra” has been increased to Rs.6500/- per quintal for 2017 season from Rs. 5950/- per quintal in 2016 season.

II. The MSP for FAQ of “Ball Copra” has been increased to Rs.6785/- per quintal for 2017 season from Rs. 6240/- per quintal in 2016 season.

III. Based on the MSP of FAQ Variety of Milling Copra, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation will fix the MSP of mature de-husked Coconut for 2017 season.

IV. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), National Cooperative Consumers’ Federation (NCCF) will continue to act as the Central Nodal Agencies to undertake price support operations of Copra for the 2017 season and the losses, if any, incurred by the nodal agencies in such operations would be fully reimbursed by the Government of India.

V. Appropriate action may be taken by the concerned Ministries / Departments, State Governments and other Agencies on Non-Price Recommendations (Annexure) of the CACP/Views of DAC&FW in a time-bound manner.

2. In this connection, I am directed to request you to take appropriate action on the above decisions under intimation to this Office.

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# Annexure


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<td>1. (S.3)</td>
<td>Farmers should be encouraged to form groups such as Farm Producers Organizations (FPOs), Producer Companies, Cooperatives, Self Help Groups, etc. and the Central/State Government and other agencies involved in coconut development should provide assistance to these groups to create required infrastructure for de-husking and processing of coconuts into copra. These groups can be involved in procurement of coconut from the member/non-member farmers and coconut processing.</td>
<td>Government of India, under the scheme &quot;Technology Mission on coconuts&quot; is extending 25% of the capital cost (subject to a maximum of Rs. 6 Lakhs) to CPFs for developing infrastructure for primary processing which is not adequate in view of high investment to the tune of Rs. 25 Lakh required for setting up infrastructure for a modern copra drier of moderate capacity (10,000 coconut per batch) to make FAQ grade copra. An additional support of 25% of the capital cost (subject to maximum of Rs. 6 Lakh) from state government concerned or other agencies would be ideal for encouraging the CPFs to venture into copra making activities which seems to be a pre-requisite for the success of PSS operation.</td>
<td>Horticulture Division/CDB and All the major coconut growing States i.e. state Government of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, A&amp;N Islands and Lakshadweep.</td>
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<td>2. (S.4)</td>
<td>In order to make an impact on market prices and ensure benefits of MSP to small and marginal coconut farmers, farm producer organizations including cooperatives and SHGs should be involved in procurement operations and adequate quantity of copra should be procured when market prices fall below MSP.</td>
<td>Involvement of farm producer organizations including cooperatives and SHGs in the procurement operations is the role of State Govt. / State agency. However, this Ministry has no objection for involvement of farm producer organizations including cooperatives and SHGs in the procurement operations of Copra under PSS.</td>
<td>Cooperation Division and All the major coconut growing States i.e. state Government of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, A&amp;N Islands and Lakshadweep.</td>
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<td>3. (S.5)</td>
<td>The State Government should go for direct income transfer to farmers, when market prices fall below support price, rather than government-supported procurement of raw coconuts as it distorts the market and industry become uncompetitive in the international market.</td>
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<td>The productivity levels of coconut especially in Kerala should be increased through appropriate technological, institutional and infrastructure interventions. The Technology Mission on Coconut, which was launched to improve productivity and profitability of coconut farmers in the country, needs to be appraised critically with reference to its objectives and actual achievements.</td>
<td>The major scheme implemented in the state of Kerala for improving the productivity of coconut was &quot;Rejuvenation &amp; Replanting&quot;. The scheme is still in operation and it is too premature to assess the impact of the scheme at this juncture. &quot;Technology Mission on Coconut&quot; (TMOC) is the scheme being implemented by the Board since 2002</td>
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<td>5. (S.7)</td>
<td>The Commission strongly recommends that for more objective assessment of the cost of coconut production at all-India level, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka should also be covered under the comprehensive scheme.</td>
<td>For the block period 2014-17, Karnataka has already been included for collection of Coconut crop. Possibilities would be explored to include Coconut crop in Andhra Pradesh/Telangana for the forthcoming block period 2017-20.</td>
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<td>6. (S.8)</td>
<td>Procurement operations should be extended to whole year as the crop is perennial with year-round harvesting. The Commission therefore recommends extending the procurement operations throughout the year, when market prices fall below MSP.</td>
<td>As per PSS guidelines, central agencies need to continue the purchase operation till the prices stabilized or rule above the MSP. Further, the central agencies are not allowed to dispose the procured stock during the PSS operation to avoid recycling. Thus the procurement of copra should be restricted for 6 months from its peak arrival period. Further, the peak arrival period of copra shall be as per the notifications issued by the respective State Govt. / UT on year to year basis. The justification to restrict this period for 6 months is to make a uniformity for procurement of all varieties of oilseeds and pulses under PSS and also with a view to (i) provide the benefit of the PSS scheme to the genuine farmers, (ii) minimize the involvement of middlemen, traders etc., (iii) provide sufficient time to the central agencies to dispose the procured stocks on its best realization value and (iv) minimize the holding cost of procured stocks for a longer period.</td>
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