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NOTIFICATION BY GOVERNMENT

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

IMPLEMENT THE PRICE SUPPORT SCHEME (PSS) FOR PROCUREMENT OF COPRA IN TAMIL NADU.

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Crop Calendar and
Harvesting Period of
Copra in the State of
Tamil Nadu

A Remunerative and stable price environment for coconut growers/farmers is very important for increasing Coconut production and productivity. The market Price for Copra many times tends to be unstable and volatile which has resulted into undue losses to the growers / farmers as well as discourage adoption of the modern technology and required inputs.

The Government's price policy for agricultural commodities seeks to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce with a view to encourage higher investment and production and to safeguard the interest of consumers by making available supplies at reasonable prices with low cost of intermediation. The price policy also seeks to evolve a balanced and integrated price structure in the perspective of the overall needs of the economy.

Towards this end, the Government of India announce a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for major agricultural commodities each year in both the Crop seasons after taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).

In the Scheme for the procurement of Copra in the year of 2016-2017 as per the guideline of Government of India, (Department of Agriculture and Co-operation) the notification regarding Crop calendar and Harvesting period of coconut in Tamil Nadu is to be required as part of proposal.

Therefore, Government of Tamil Nadu is willing to implement the Price Support Scheme (PSS) and its operation in Tamil Nadu and accordingly declare the following details:

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Details</i>	
Crop	Coconut.	
Area	4.28 lakh hectares.	
Expected production	49890 lakh nuts.	
Average yield	11661 nuts/hectare.	
peak arrival	June to November.	
Expected quantity of procurement	50000 MT	
Proposed duration of the scheme	June 2016 to November 2016	
Period of Harvest	Throughout the year (Coconut is a perennial crop)	
Details of Coconut production in Tamil Nadu	Area	4.28 Lakh Hec. (as per Estimate of 2014-15)
	Expected Production of Coconut.	49890 lakhs nuts.
	Average yield per hectare	11661 nuts
	Expected Copra production	262000 MT
	Ruling market price	Rs.50 to Rs.54 per kg of copra.

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