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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

AGRICULTURE - FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT

IMPLEMENTATION OF PRICE SUPPORT SCHEME (PSS) PROCUREMENT OF COPRA IN TAMIL NADU.

[G.O. Ms. No. 209, Agriculture - Farmers Welfare (H2),15th September 2023, ஆவணி 29, சோபகிருது, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு–2054.]

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Crop calendar and Harvesting period of Coconut 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 resulting in undue losses to the growers/farmers as well as discourages 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 overall perspective of the needs of the economy.

Towards this end, the Government announces 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 2023, it is proposed to procure 90,000 MT of Copra instead of 56,000 MT proposed earlier. As per the guidelines of Government of India (Department of Agriculture and Co-operation), the notification regarding Crop calendar and harvesting period of Coconut in Tamil Nadu is required as a part of the proposal.

Therefore, the 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:

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Notification proposal for procurement of Copra in Tamil Nadu for Copra Season 2023

| 1 | Стор | : | Coconut |
|-----|---|---|--|
| 2 | Commodity to be notified | : | Copra |
| 3 | Crop Calendar year | : | Throughout the year |
| 4 | Harvesting period | : | Throughout the year |
| 5 | Commencement of Arrival | : | January |
| 6 | Peak arrival period | : | January to October |
| 7 | Details of Coconut and Copra production | | |
| (a) | Coconut area | : | 4.577 lakh Hectare (Season and Crop Report 2021-22) |
| (b) | Expected Coconut production | : | 53,518 lakh nuts |
| (c) | Average yield per Hectare | : | 11,692 nuts per Ha |
| (d) | Expected Copra production | : | 3,61,247 Metric Tonne (54% Total production @ 8000 nuts/MT of copra) |
| (e) | Expected quantity of procurement | | Total of 90,000 Metric Tonne a. Milling Copra-88,000 Metric Tonne b. Ball Copra-2,000 Metric Tonne |
| (f) | Ruling market price | : | Rs.73 per kg of Copra |
| (g) | Major Coconut Growing Districts | : | Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Thanjavur, Dindigul, Kanniyakumari, Theni, Erode, Krishnagiri, Salem, Tenkasi, Pudukottai, Tirupathur, Madurai, Virudhunagar, Namakkal, Sivagangai, Vellore, Ramanathapuram, Karur, Thoothukudi, Dharmapuri, Thiruvarur, Tirunelveli, Tiruchirappalli, Nagapattinam and Mayiladuthurai |

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