



ABSTRACT

Agriculture – Implementation of Price Support Scheme(PSS) – Procurement of Copra under Price Support Scheme for the year 2021 through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) - Production, Sowing area, average yield, peak arrival/harvesting period – Notified.

Agriculture (H2) Department

G.O. (Ms). No.68

Dated: 31.03.2021

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2052
சார்வரி வருடம், பங்குனி 18

Read :-

1. G.O.(Ms)No.116, Agriculture (H2) Department, dated 30.05.2020.
2. Notification from Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Letter F.No.18-1/2020-CC-ES, dated 04.02.2021.
3. From the Director of Agriculture. Letter No OPC3 /55933/ 2020, dated 05.03.2021.

ORDER:

In the Government order first read above, orders were issued for implementing Price Support Scheme (PSS) for procurement of Copra at the Minimum Support Price for Milling Copra as Rs.99.60 per kg and Ball Copra as Rs.103.00 per Kg for 2020 copra season.

2. The Government of India have fixed the Minimum Support Price for Milling Copra as Rs.103.35 and Ball Copra as Rs.106.00 per Kg for 2021 copra season.

3. The Director of Agriculture has reported that in Tamil Nadu, Coconut is cultivated in an extent of 4.97 lakh hectares with an annual production of 50,663 lakh nuts with the productivity of 8,519 nuts per hectare. The coconut farmers prefer selling their produce in the form of Coconut, Tender coconut and Copra. The market price of Milling Copra in major Copra Markets is now prevailing between Rs.130.00 to Rs.135.00 per Kg which is subjected to variation in the course of year. There is a possibility that the price may go down in the later part of the year. In the event of fall in price of Copra, to ensure that the farmers are getting remunerative price for their Copra produced, Price Support Scheme has to be implemented. Therefore, there is need for implementation of Price Support Scheme (PSS) to help the coconut growers.

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4. The Director of Agriculture has also stated that normally, in the previous years, the Copra Procurement season was notified for six months from June to November. The Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business has requested the Director of Agriculture that based on the farmers' demand and seasonal benefits of Copra production, the procurement period of Copra may be changed to first half of the year (January to June) or throughout the year for the betterment of farmers through Price Support Scheme.

5. It is informed that the Copra season for 2021 starts from January 2021 and ends in December 2021(Calendar year). Now, already 2 months have lapsed and to follow due procedure, it will take a time period till the month of March 2021. Therefore, to avail the benefit of full six months of procurement operation, it is suggested that the procurement season may be fixed from April 2021 to September 2021.

6. The Director of Agriculture has stated that the Government of India has issued comprehensive Guidelines in May 2014 for effective implementation of Price Support Scheme (PSS) to ensure that the farmers are benefited by getting remunerative price. As a part of the Price Support Scheme, a notification has to be issued by the Agriculture Department of the State Government indicating the sown area, expected production, average yield, peak arrival / harvesting period of Copra and willingness to implement the Price Support Scheme.

7. The Director of Agriculture has sent a detailed proposal to the Government for issue of Notification for the procurement of Copra in the State of Tamil Nadu under Price Support Scheme (PSS) as indicated below:-

**Notification proposal for procurement of Copra in Tamil Nadu for
Copra Season 2021**

1	Crop	:	Coconut
2	Commodity to be notified	:	Copra
3	Crop Calendar year	:	Throughout the year
4	Harvesting period	:	Throughout the year
5	Commencement of Arrival	:	April
6	Peak arrival period	:	April - September
7	Details of Coconut and Copra production		
(a)	Coconut area	:	4.97 lakh Hectare (as per estimates of 2019-20)
(b)	Expected Coconut production	:	50,663 lakh nuts
(c)	Average yield per Hectare	:	8,519 nuts per Ha
(d)	Expected Copra production	:	2,21,000 Metric Tonne
(e)	Expected quantity of procurement	:	Total of 51,000 Metric Tonne a. Milling Copra-50,000 Metric Tonne b. Ball Copra -1,000 Metric Tonne
(f)	Ruling market price	:	Rs.130.00 -Rs.135.00 per Kg of Copra

(g)	Major Coconut Growing districts	: Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode, Thanjavur, Dindigul, Kanyakumari, Vellore, Salem, Krishnagiri, Pudukottai, Madurai, Theni, Virudhunagar, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Namakkal, Dharmapuri, Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Ramanadhapuram, Sivagangai
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8. The Government after careful examination, accept the proposal of Director of Agriculture and decided to implement the Price Support Scheme (PSS) for procurement of Copra in Tamil Nadu and accordingly issue a notification as annexed to this Government Order.

9. The Director of Agriculture is requested to take necessary follow up action in this regard.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMMISSIONER
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To

- The Director of Agriculture, Chepauk, Chennai-5
- The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chepauk, Chennai-5.
- The Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business, Chennai-32.
- The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering), Chennai-35.
- The Principal Secretary, Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Chennai-9.
- The Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency, Chennai-32.
- The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Chennai-10.
- The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Mint Building, Chennai-79 (with a request to publish the notification in the Tamil Nadu Government Extraordinary Gazette and to send 500 copies to this Government).
- The Accountant General, Chennai-18.

Copy to:

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Office, Chennai-9.
- The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education and Agriculture, Chennai-9.
- The Senior Private Secretary to Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Chennai-9.
- The Agriculture (OP3) Department, Chennai - 9.(2 Copies)
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Annexure

NOTIFICATION
GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI-9

G.O.(Ms) No.68, Agriculture (H2) Department, dated 31.03.2021

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 2021, 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 to be 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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