



ABSTRACT

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare – Implementation of Price Support Scheme (PSS) – Procurement of Copra under Price Support Scheme for the year 2023 through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) - Production, Sowing area, average yield, peak arrival/harvesting period –Notified.

AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (H2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.10

Dated: 18.01.2023

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2054

சுபகிருது, தை மாதம் 4-ஆம் நாள்

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No.21, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (H2) Department, dated 21.01.2022.
2. G.O.(2D).No.04, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (H2) Department, dated 25.01.2022.
3. Notification from Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Letter F.No.18-1/2022-CC-ES, dated 30.12.2022.
4. From the Director of Agriculture, Letter No.OPC3/3001410/2023, dated 06.01.2023.

ORDER:

In the Government order first read above, orders have been issued notifying the implementation of Price Support Scheme for procurement of Copra in Tamil Nadu for the year 2022 and accordingly issued in Tamil Nadu Gazette Extra-Ordinary No.60, dated 24.01.2022.

2. In the Government order second read above, orders have been issued appointing the Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board as State Level Supporter, Marketing Committees as Primary Procurement Agencies (PPAs) and Regulated Markets as Primary Procurement Centres (PPCs) respectively for procuring Copra from the farmers under Price Support Scheme (PSS) for the year 2022.

3. In the notification third read above, the Government of India have fixed the Minimum Support Price for Milling Copra as Rs.10,860/- per quintal i.e Rs.108.60 per Kg and Ball Copra as Rs.11,750/- per quintal i.e Rs.117.50 per Kg for 2023 Copra season.

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4. In the letter fourth read above, the Director of Agriculture has stated that in Tamil Nadu, Coconut is cultivated in an extent of 4.449 lakh hectares with an annual production of 51,282 lakh nuts with the productivity of 11,526 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 at Rs.82.34 per Kg which is 12% lesser than the corresponding period of 2022 as per Agmarknet portal. Since there is a price fall of Copra, to ensure that the farmers are getting remunerative price for their Copra produced, Price Support Scheme needs to be implemented. Therefore there is a need for implementation of Price Support Scheme (PSS) to help the Coconut growers.

5. Further he has stated that the Government of India have issued comprehensive Guidelines in October 2018 for effective implementation of Price Support Scheme (PSS) to ensure that the farmers are benefited for getting remunerative price. As a part of the Price Support Scheme (PSS), 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. The Government of India has also informed that the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd., (NAFED) and National Cooperative Consumers Federation (NCCF) will be the Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs) for procurement of copra and Dehusked coconut under Price Support Scheme (PSS).

6. The Director of Agriculture has therefore requested to issue the following Notification for the procurement of Copra in the State of Tamil Nadu under Price Support Scheme (PSS) for 2023 season.

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

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	:	January
6	Peak arrival period	:	January to October
7	Details of Coconut and Copra production		
(a)	Coconut area	:	4.449 lakh Hectare (Season and Crop Report 2020-21)
(b)	Expected Coconut production	:	51282 lakh nuts
(c)	Average yield per Hectare	:	11526 nuts per Ha
(d)	Expected Copra production	:	2,24,359 Metric Tonne

(e)	Expected quantity of procurement	Total of 56,000 Metric Tonne a. Milling Copra-55,000 Metric Tonne b. Ball Copra-1,000 Metric Tonne
(f)	Ruling market price	: Rs.82.34 per Kg of Copra
(g)	Major Coconut Growing districts	: Coimbatore, Thiruppur, Thanjavur, Dindigul, Kanyakumari, Theni, Erode, Krishnagiri, Salem, Tenkasi, Pudukottai, Thirupathur, Madurai, Virudhunagar, Namakkal, Sivagangai, Vellore, Ramanathapuram, Karur, Thoothukudi, Dharmapuri, Thiruvarur, Tirunelveli, Trichy, Nagapattinam, and Mayiladuthurai.

7. 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.

8. 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, Chennai-5.

The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, 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 50 copies to the Government).

The Accountant General, Chennai-6/18.

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The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Office, Chennai-9.

The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Chennai - 9.

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ANNEXURENOTIFICATION

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI-9

[G.O.(MS) No.10, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (H2) Department, dated 18.01.2023

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, 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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**C. Samayamoorthy,
Agricultural Production Commissioner and
Secretary to Government**

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