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ADVERTISEMENTHomebusinessGovt hikes copra MSP by Rs 250-300 per quintal for 2024 seasonThe MSP for fair average quality of milling copra has been fixed at Rs 11,160 per quintal and for ball copra at Rs 12,000 per quintal for 2024 season. Gyanendra KeshriLast Updated 27 December 2023, 11:31 ISTFollow UsThe central government on Wednesday decided to increase the minimum support price (MSP) of milling copra by Rs 300 per quintal and ball copra by Rs 250 per quintal for

2024 season. The MSP for fair average quality of milling copra has been fixed at Rs 11,160 per quintal and for ball copra at Rs 12,000 per quintal for 2024 season. The decision to increase the MSP was taken in the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The increase in MSP of ball copra for the 2024 season is sharply lower than the previous year's hike. In 2023 season, MSP for ball copra was hiked by Rs 750 per quintal. The MSP of milling copra was increased by Rs 270 per quintal. Addressing a media briefing Union Minister Anurag Thakur said the government has decided to increase MSP for copra despite decline in its price in the global markets. "Copra prices have fallen globally. But the Modi government has decided to provide MSP at least 50 per cent higher than the production cost. Accordingly, the copra MSP has been increased by Rs 250-300 per quintal for 2024 season," he said. Kerala and Tamil Nadu are major producers of milling copra, whereas ball copra is produced predominantly in Karnataka. Milling copra or the dry part of coconut, is used to extract oil, while ball copra is consumed as a dry fruit and used for religious purposes. According to a statement released by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, the new MSP of ball copra is 63.26 per cent higher than its production cost, while MSP for milling copra will ensure a margin of 51.84 per cent to farmers. The MSP for milling copra has gone up by 113 per cent and for ball copra by 118 per cent in the past 10 years. In 2014-15, the MSP for milling copra stood at Rs 5,250 per quintal and that for ball copra at Rs 5,500 per quintal. "A higher MSP will not only ensure better remunerative returns to the coconut growers but also incentivise farmers to expand copra production to meet the growing demand for coconut products both domestically and internationally," the ministry said National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) and National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF) will continue to act as central nodal agencies for procurement of copra. Through these nodal agencies the government has procured over 1.33 lakh metric tonnes of copra at a cost of Rs 1,493 crore. The procurement in the current season is 227 per cent higher when compared with the previous season. ADVERTISEMENT (Published 27 December 2023, 11:31 IST)Business NewsNarendra ModiMSPFoodMarketsCoconutCCEANafedcopraFollow us on **ADVERTISEMENTADVERTISEMENT** 

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