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RAJYA SABHA

State	Fall in Water Level
	>4 MTS @ >20 Cm/yr
West Bengal	Bankura, Bardhaman, Medinipur, N-24 Parganas, Purulia.
NCT Delhi	Najafgarh, Mehrauli and City Block.
Union Territory	Pondicherry.
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MSP of Arecanut

1765. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that arecanut farmers in Karnataka are saddled with huge unsold stocks of the crop due to steep fall in prices;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no market intervention by Central agencies like NAFED in that State;

(c) whether Karnataka Government concerned with the plight of farmers, have proposed to the Centre for procurement of arecanut at a Minimum Support Price of Rs. 65/- per kg.; and

(d) whether Government have considered the request favourable; if so, the amount per kg. of arecanut fixed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. Central Government has sanctioned Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of arecanut in Karnataka during 2002-03 for a quantity of 10,000 MTs at the Market Intervention Price of Rs. 60.00 per kg.

Remunerative price for cotton growers

1766. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: