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August	3550	
September	3750	
October	3750	
November	3750	
December	4030	
Average	4176	4683

Minimum Support Price (Rs. per quintal)

		2008	2009	2010	Increase in MSP 2009 & 2010 over 2008	Percentage increase
COPRA	Milling	3660	4450	4450	790	21.6
	Ball	3910	4700	4700	790	20.2
De-husked Coconut		988	1200	1200	212	21.5

Crops insurance scheme

†1355. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided to the State of Rajasthan under crop insurance scheme during the year 2009-10; and

(b) whether Government proposes to extend crop insurance scheme to all the crops in order to provide relief to the farmers and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) Funds provided towards Government of India share under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) and pilot Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) during 2009-10 in Rajasthan are Rs.66.16 crore and Rs.69.40 respectively.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) NAIS covers all food crops (cereals, millets and pulses), oilseeds and annual commercial/horticultural crops, in respect of which past yield data is available for adequate number of years. Under pilot WBCIS, perennial commercial/horticultural crops may also be covered besides the crops covered under NAIS. Pilot Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) covers coconut palm.

Groundnut milk production

1356. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether production of groundnut milk has been started on a commercial scale;
- (b) if so, in which year it was done and progressive adoption in the years from cut-off date;
- (c) whether matching processing technology and equipment has been developed;
- (d) if so, the capacity thereof on daily basis; and
- (e) the costing profile per litre as compared to milch cattle milk conventionally used in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Central Institute of Post Harvest Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana has developed a process technology that results in production of improved flavor groundnut milk due to action of lipoxygenase enzyme. The capacity of the plant is approximately 300 litre groundnut milk per day.

(e) The cost of groundnut milk as compared to milch cattle milk is given below:

	Milch cattle raw milk (fat-6.0%, solid-not-fat-9.0%)	Groundnut milk (excluding packaging cost)
Cost per liter	Rs 21.00-22.00	Rs 4.00-5.00