

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether farmers have demanded for revision of MSP for coconut;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the extent to which the farmers are satisfied with the new MSP; and
- (f) the details of the target fixed by NAFED for procurement of coconut during the current season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) and (b) Government of India has announced the Minimum Support Prices for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) variety of Milling Copra at Rs.4525 per quintal and for the Ball Copra at Rs.4775 per quintal for the 2011 season.

(c) to (e) Government has not received any representation from the farmers for revision of MSP of Copra. Presently, the market prices of both Milling and Ball Copra are ruling above their MSPs. The farmers are free to sell their produce in the open market, if the market offers higher price than the MSP.

(f) No such target for procurement is fixed under the Price Support Scheme (PSS). NAFED procures coconut till the market prices rule below the Minimum Support Price.

#### **Cold storage facilities for agricultural produce**

948. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total farm production of vegetables and fruits in our country during 2009-10 and 2010-11;
- (b) whether there is any increase or otherwise in comparison to the total production in the previous year;
- (c) the percentage of such product exported and consumed in the country;
- (d) whether Government has provided cold storage facilities for preventing large scale wastage of agricultural produce; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) and (b) The estimated production figures of vegetables and fruits for the year 2010-11 when compared to the production in 2009-10 shows an increase, as evident from the table below:

Hort. Commodity	Production ('000 MT)	
	2009-10	2010-11 (Estimated)
Vegetables	133545	141350
Fruits	72282	75770

Source: NHB, DAC

(c) During 2008-09, 0.69% of total, production of fruits and 1.69% of total vegetable production was exported.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz., (i) Horticulture Mission for North-East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and (ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for the holistic development of horticulture crops. Under HMNEH, cold storages are established in the beneficiary States by National Horticulture Board (NHB).

However, under NHM, for post harvest management component including construction of cold storage units, credit linked back ended subsidy @ 40% of the capital cost of projects in general areas and 55% in case of hilly and scheduled areas for individual entrepreneurs is available. The NHM has provided an assistance of Rs. 17796.97 lakh for establishment of 367 cold storages in various States with the capacity of 26,19,223 MT.

National Horticulture Board under the scheme "Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/ Expansion/ Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce" provides credit linked back-ended capital investment subsidy to the eligible organizations for creation/modernization/expansion of cold storage/ CA storage @ 40% of the capital project cost in general areas and 55% in case of Hilly & scheduled areas for a maximum storage capacity of 5000 MT per project. The Board has provided subsidy of Rs. 64307.58 lakh for establishment of 2316 no. of cold storages in various States with capacity of 97,21,791 MT.