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INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairman, Committee on Public Accounts, having been authorised by the Committee to present this Report on their behalf, present the Fifth Report on Action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the Sixty Fifth Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2001-04).

The Committee considered and finalised this Report at the meeting held on 23rd November, 2011.

Thiruvananthapuram,
20th March 2012.

DR. T. M. THOMAS ISAAC,
Chairman,
Committee on Public Accounts.

REPORT

This Report deals with the action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the Sixty Fifth Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2001-2004).

The Sixty Fifth Report of the Committee on Public Accounts (2001-2004) was presented to the House on 19th January 2004. The Report contains 9 recommendations relating to Agriculture Department. The Report was forwarded to the Government on 27th March 2004 to furnish the Statement of Action Taken on the recommendations contained in the Report and the final reply received on 16th September 2010.

The Committee examined the statements of action taken received from Government at its meeting held on 6-1-2009, 4-8-2010 and 8-12-2010.

The Committee was not satisfied with the reply received from Government on recommendation No.-1 (Para No.-11) and decided to pursue it further. This recommendation, Government reply and the further recommendation of the Committee are incorporated in Chapter I of this Report.

The Committee decided not to pursue further action on the remaining recommendations in the light of the replies furnished by Government. Such recommendations and the Statements of Action Taken by Government are incorporated in Chapter II of this Report.

CHAPTER I

Recommendation in respect of which action taken by Government are not satisfactory and which requires reiteration

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 1, Para No. 11)

The Price Support Scheme initiated with much fanfare was an utter failure and disappointed the coconut farmers owing to the gross negligence and irregularities in the implementation of the scheme. Instead of making profits, the procuring agencies made huge losses year after year and as a result the accumulated loss went into crores of rupees. So the Committee desires to get an account of longstanding measures to put an end to the recurrence of such heavy losses.

Action Taken

The new system in place is as follows:—

The procurement agencies are required to satisfy the genuineness of the farmers and in the case of necessity they are required to produce the certificate that the supplier is a genuine farmer.

In revised system of procurement, the quality testing of copra is being carried out by NAFED directly, as against the old system of quality checking by State level agencies. NAFED is doing on the spot quality testing in their designated godowns.

There is a District Level Monitoring Committee headed by District Collector and State Level Monitoring Committee headed by Agricultural Production Commissioner to evaluate the progress of copra procurement operation under MSP scheme.

Further Recommendation

The Committee observes that there are serious allegations of corruption on the Price Support Scheme to coconut farmers and recommends for a vigilance enquiry on all related matters.

CHAPTER II

Recommendations in respect of which the Committee Does not desire to pursue action in the light of the replies received from Government

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 2, Para No. 12)

Though the guidelines stipulated that the agencies should procure well dried copra of good quality, large quantities of inferior quality copra susceptible to deterioration in a short period was also collected by the Co-operative Societies selected for the procurement which resulted in production of substandard oil, even unfit for human consumption. The collection of such inferior quality copra, physical shortage in Weight of copra collected, shortages in transit all paved way for the avoidable losses. Such was the allegations of irregularities in the procurement by MARKETFED that a CBI enquiry had to be ordered into the dealings.

Action Taken

A CBI enquiry has been ordered and the CBI had filed the charge-sheet against eight Officers on investigation of the allegation of irregularities in the procurement by Marketfed.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 3, Para No. 13)

The irresponsible and negligent manner in which the scheme was implemented is a glaring example of defeating the very purpose of a scheme intended for the benefit of the farmer community in our State. At present, there is no necessity of intervention of State Government as the prevailing market price of Coconut products is remunerative to the Coconut Growers. But scheme to such nature may become necessary in future in changed circumstances. The shortfalls and failures in the implementation of the price support scheme should be an eye opener to all concerned. Government should order a thorough study into all aspects of the implementation of the scheme to evolve remedial measures to ensure that such schemes will attain the projected objectives and offer solace to the farmer community in future.

Action Taken

The procurement agencies are required to satisfy the genuineness of the farmers and in the case of necessity they are required to produce the certificate that the supplier is a genuine farmer.

In revised system of procurement the quality testing of copra is being carried out by NAFED directly, as against the old system of quality checking by State level agencies. NAFED is doing 'on the spot' quality testing in their designated godowns.

There is a District Level Monitoring Committee headed by District Collector and State Level Committee headed by Agricultural Production Commissioner to evaluate the progress of copra procurement operation under MSP scheme.

Government of Kerala issued detailed guidelines of procurement operation as per G.O. (Ms.) No.129/05/AD dated 3-9-2005, G.O. (Ms.) No. 40/07/AD dated, 22-3-2007 and G.O.(Ms.) No.48/07/AD dated 2-4-2007 and subsequent G.O.s, viz.G.O. (Ms.) No.66/09/AD dated 28-3-2009, G.O (Ms.) No.81/09/AD dated 27-4-2009, G.O. (Ms.) No. 151/09/AD dated 20-8-2009 and G.O. (Ms.) No.156/09/AD dated 24-8-2009 in order to streamline the system (Copies of G.O.'s enclosed as App. II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII)

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 4, Para No. 14)

The Committee recommends that the result of the CBI enquiry, along with a copy of the CBI report, be submitted to the Committee.

Action Taken

As per the recommendation of the Committee a CBI enquiry has been ordered and CBI had informed that on finalization of the investigation, the charge sheet was filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Special Judge I, CBI, Ernakulam on 4-11-2005 against eight Officers. Copy of the CBI letter dated 21-5-2010 is enclosed for reference (App. IX)

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 5, Para No. 15)

The Committee desires that Government should move the Central Agricultural Ministry to ensure that the support price for coconut be fixed only after conducting studies on a scientific basis and the support price thus arrived at be declared at a favourable season in each year, so that maximum benefit is available to Coconut Growers in our State. The Government should also ensure that the State Government is properly represented in the Price Fixation Committee.

Action Taken

The procurement cost computed by the Commission for Agricultural Cost and Prices, Government of India after collecting the details from State Agricultural Prices Board, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram and Coconut Development Board, Government of India. Government of Kerala had furnished a report on price policy for copra for 2007 season as per which cost of production of 1 Qtl. of milling copra was assessed as ₹ 4,870 and that of 1 Qtl. Ball Copra as ₹ 5,120. In spite of timely representation and furnishing factual statistics to Government of India the procurement price of copra was fixed as ₹ 3,620/Qtl. for milling copra and ₹ 3,870 Qtl. for Ball Copra. The State Government takes timely action to represent its stand before Commission for Agricultural Cost and Prices, Government of India every year.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 6, Para No. 17)

A scrutiny of the release of funds shows that scant respect was shown to the provisions in the codes, which stipulates that no amount should be drawn unless there is immediate scope of utilization. The Committee recommends that an effective mechanism should be evolved in the Directorate of Agriculture to monitor the utilization of funds. Also periodical evaluation of the progress of such scheme should be conducted so that administrative failures can be avoided in future.

Action Taken

The Government is giving full respect to the provisions of the code which stipulates that no amount should be drawn unless there is immediate scope of utilisation. At present regular monthly plan review is being conducted to ensure the effective utilisation of the amount released.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 7, Para No. 22)

The Committee desires that the Pokkali cultivation, which is a unique system of rice cultivation, is to be encouraged by all means. For this, the Pokkali Paddy Development Agency should convene meetings and conduct proper evaluation of the implementation of various schemes.

Action Taken

All possible efforts are being made to encourage Pokkali cultivation. Regular meetings are being conducted by Pokkali Paddy Development Agency and the schemes are properly evaluated by the District Collector, Ernakulam and Secretary, Pokkali Development Agency.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 8, Para No. 23)

The Committee understood that there were complaints regarding the sanctioning of some works to contractors by the governing body of the Kole Development Authority. There were, complaints even from people's representatives that they were not informed properly regarding the meetings convened by the KDA. Hence, the Committee recommends that the Agriculture Department should be vigilant in informing all concerned including people's representatives regarding the meetings convened by the various agencies under the Department.

Action Taken

The Chairman, Kole Development Agency, Thrissur was informed that no works were seen sanctioned by the Governing Body of the Agency, Thrissur and no complaints were received by that Agency as stated in this para. No complaints were received during the last three years from people's representatives regarding meetings convened by the Kole Development Agency, Thrissur. However, necessary instructions have been given to the Director of Agriculture to take appropriate action based on the recommendation of the PAC.

Recommendation

(Sl. No. 9, Para No. 33)

During discussion, the Committee had desired to be furnished with details of the repayment of loan availed from EEC for setting up of EEC aided markets, in the State. As the details have not yet been received, the Committee recommends that the repayment particulars be furnished at the earliest.

Action Taken

Repayment of loan is made to the Ministry of Finance in respect of the loans released during a year after consolidating the amount and is deemed to have been received on 1st October of the year and not for individual loans. Moreover, as per the release orders of Government of India, funds released as loans for the Kerala Agriculture Market Project cannot be ascertained separately. Hence it is not possible to segregate the amount outstanding in respect of the loans availed from EEC, as the recovery is made from the lump balance of loans availed. Hence it is practically difficult to furnish the details of the repayment of the loan.

Letter received in this matter from Accountant General (A&E) also reveals the above position. (App. X).

Thiruvananthapuram,
20th March 2012.

DR. T. M. THOMAS ISAAC,
Chairman,
Committee on Public Accounts.

APPENDIX I

SUMMARY OF MAIN CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Para No.</i>	<i>Department Concerned</i>	<i>Conclusions/Recommendations</i>
1	15	Agriculture	The Committee observes that there are serious allegations of corruption on the Price Support Scheme to coconut farmers and recommends for a vigilance enquiry on related matters.

APPENDIX II

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT—PRICE POLICY FOR COPRA 2005 SEASON—PROCUREMENT
OF COPRA UNDER MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE (MSP) FIXED BY GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA—GUIDELINES FOR PROCUREMENT OPERATIONS—ORDERS ISSUED

AGRICULTURE (NCA) DEPARTMENT

G. O. (Ms.) No. 129/2005/AD. *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 3rd September, 2005.*

*Read:—*1. G. O. (Ms.) No. 122/2005/AD dated 25-8-2005.

2. G. O. (Ms.) No. 127/2005/AD dated 31-8-2005.

ORDER

As per G.O. read as 1st paper above, Government have decided to request NAFED to start procurement of copra through the agency designated by NAFED. As per G.O. read as 2nd paper above, KERAFED has been designated as the State Level Agency of NAFED for procurement of copra for 2005 season. It was stated therein that guidelines regarding the procurement operation will be issued separately.

Government are now pleased to issue the following guidelines for the procurement of copra during 2005 season under Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme:—

- The KERAFED (State Level Agency) may procure copra under Minimum Support Price through its own Regional Units as well as through Societies specially appointed for this purpose.
- This list of Societies to be appointed for copra procurement will be prepared by a Committee consisting of District Collector as its Chairman, Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, PAO of the District, a representative of NAFED (if available in the district) and a representative of KERAFED. While selecting the societies, it should be ensured that they have a good track record and sound financial background.
- The Societies should declare the stocks of copra if any, with them, before the commencement of the procurement.

- While purchasing copra, the Societies should ensure that the farmers who are bringing copra to the Societies have produced the copra from coconuts in their own lands. Similarly, the processors or local copra producers who bring copra to the societies on behalf of farmers, should collect copra from their respective areas and within or near to the area of the operation of the Society only. In such cases they should also furnish list of farmers with their addresses, from whom coconuts are collected for production of copra.
- The Societies should ensure that the production of copra procured is of FAQ (Fair Average Quality) specified by NAFED/Government of India.
- The Societies should satisfy by all means that copra brought for sale is genuine and is produced locally by the farmers.
- The Societies should verify the authenticity of the farmer and satisfy themselves.
- The stocks procured by the society will be inspected by the Officers of the Co-operation Department, Agriculture and KERAFED jointly or if joint verification is not possible, independently to ensure that the procurement operations are carried out with transparency.
- Before sending copra for storage, in the Warehouse approved by NAFED/KERAFED, the quantities/qualities of the stocks should be verified by the Inspecting Officers designated for each Society.
- The Societies should maintain Stock Registers to provide full information about persons/local copra makers/processors from whom coconuts are collected for copra production, quantities procured, quality of copra including moisture content/amounts paid and also source of funds and other details.
- The Societies should send weekly reports to the KERAFED with copies to NAFED/PAOs of the Districts and also Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies.
- The payment towards the cost of copra shall only be paid to the farmer/processors/copra producers only through account payee cheque or draft.

- It should be ensured by the Inspecting Officers of KERAFED/NAFED that the copra despatched by the Society to the designated godowns and the copra reaching the godowns are one and the same.
- Each Society shall maintain the following registers and records regarding operation of MSP scheme.
 - (i) Purchase register, indicating date, name and address of the farmer, area under coconut, Sy. No., annual production of Copra, quantity of copra, quality as tested at the time of purchase, rate, details of certificate issued by the Agricultural Officer, harvest details (production), quantity of copra, amount paid with cheque, draft, its number and name of Bank and Branch.
 - (ii) Sale register, indicating number and date of despatch note, quantity of copra, designated warehouse, date of off loading, date of acknowledgement and receipt number.
 - (iii) File of original certificate issued by the Agricultural Officer with Sl. No., acknowledgement and receipts from the warehouses.
- Any stock that is not in conformity with FAQ and rejected by the officials of NAFED/KERAFED shall indicate in writing the specific reasons for rejection and society will be free to appeal to the Branch Manager concerned of NAFED who will take a final decision within three days on receipt of the appeal. If necessary the matter can be taken to the committee headed by the District Collector.
- The Sales tax Department will take necessary steps to ensure that all check posts in this State will be alerted to see that the transportation of copra from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka to Kerala through these check post is not permitted. No inter-State/inter-district copra movement will be allowed during the period of procurement.
- There will be a District Level Committee with the District Collector as Chairman and Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies as Convener and PAOs as Members for appointment of Societies. The same committee will also monitor the progress of procurement, transparency in procurement and other relevant matters.

- A State Level Monitoring Committee with the Secretary (Agriculture) as Chairman, MD, KERAFED, Director of Agriculture, Branch Manager of NAFED, Registrar of Co-operative Societies and Chairman or Representative of State Agriculture Price Board will be established to oversee and monitor procurement operations.

The NAFED and KERAFED will execute necessary agreement in this regard.

By order of the Governor,

MATHEW C. KUNNUMKAL,

Agricultural Production Commissioner.

To

The Joint Secretary to Government of India (Co-operation), Department of Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operation, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi (with Covering Letter).

The Branch Manager, NAFED, Branch Office, 35, Warehousing Centre, Gandhi Nagar, Kochi-682 020.

The Managing Director, KERAFED, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Managing Director, NAFED, Sidhardha Enclave, New Delhi-110 014.

The Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Thiruvananthapuram.

All District Collectors.

The Chairman, State Agricultural Prices Board, Thiruvananthapuram.

All Principal Agriculture Officers.

The Finance Department.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

APPENDIX III

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT—PRICE POLICY FOR COPRA 2007 SEASON—PROCUREMENT
OF COPRA UNDER MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FIXED BY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA—
KERALA KERA KARSHAKA SAHAKARANA FEDERATION LIMITED (KERAFED)
DESIGNATED AS THE STATE LEVEL AGENCY OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL
CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING FEDERATION OF INDIA LIMITED
(NAFED) FOR PROCUREMENT OPERATION OF
COPRA—ORDERS ISSUED

AGRICULTURE (NCA) DEPARTMENT

G. O. (Ms.) No. 40/2007/AD. *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 22nd March, 2007.*

- Read:—*1. G. O. (Ms.) No. 127/2005/AD dated 31-8-2005 from Agriculture (NCA) Department.
2. G. O. (Ms.) No. 129/2005/AD dated 3-9-2005 from Agriculture (NCA) Department.
3. F. No. 18-2/2006-CC-ES dated 13-3-2007 from Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Government of India.
4. Letter No. KFD/CDS/36/06-07/4229 dated 28-2-2007 from the Managing Director, KERAFED.

ORDER

In the G.O. read as 1st paper above, Government designated KERAFED, Thiruvananthapuram as the State Level Agency of NAFED, New Delhi for procurement of copra under Minimum Support Price Scheme for 2005 season. Since then, KERAFED has been procuring copra under MSP through its own Regional Units as well as through societies specially appointed for this purpose. As per G.O. read as 2nd paper above, Government issued the guidelines for the procurement of copra during 2005 season under MSP scheme.

As per the letter read as third paper above, Government of India has fixed the MSP of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of Milling Copra at ₹ 3,620 per quintal and that of FAQ of Ball copra at ₹ 3,870 per quintal for 2007 season.

In the letter read as fourth paper above KERAFED has requested Government to issue specific Government Order designating KERAFED as State Level Agency for the procurement of Copra during 2007 also so as to execute necessary agreement with NAFED.

Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to designate Kerala Kera Karshaka Sahakarana Federation Limited (KERAFED), Thiruvananthapuram as the State Level Agency of National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), New Delhi for the procurement of copra under Minimum Support Price Scheme for 2007 season. The guidelines issued by the Government in this regard as per G.O. read as 2nd paper above for the procurement of copra during 2005 season should strictly be adhered to in the procurement of copra for 2007 season also. The guidelines in sub-para (2) i.e., "the list of Societies.....financial background" of the G. O. read as second paper above, are deleted and the following guidelines are substituted in that para:

"Ball copra may also be procured as per M.S.P. wherever required. In order to avoid malpractices and to ensure transparency, Procuring Agency/Society may ensure a certificate from the Local Agricultural Officer to the effect that Sri.....(Name of farmer with address) coming under the jurisdiction of Procuring Agency/ Society is having.....acres of coconut cultivation and an approximate.....number of coconuts will be obtained from his garden".

By order of the Governor,
P. VISWANATHAN,
Joint Secretary.

To

The Joint Secretary to Government of India (Co-operation), Department of Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operation Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi (with Covering Letter).

The Branch Manager, NAFED, Branch Office, 35, Warehousing Centre, Gandhi Nagar, Kochi, Pin-682 020.

The Managing Director, KERAFED, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Managing Director, NAFED, Sidhardha Enclave, New Delhi-110 014
with copies of instructions issued in this regard for information and
strict compliance.

The Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Thiruvananthapuram.

All District Collectors.

All Principal Agricultural Officers.

The Finance Department.

The Accountant General (A&E)/(Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

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APPENDIX IV

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT—PRICE POLICY FOR COPRA 2007 SEASON—PROCUREMENT
OF COPRA UNDER MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FIXED BY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA—
KERALA KERA KARSHAKA SAHAKARANA FEDERATION LIMITED (KERAFED)
DESIGNATED AS THE STATE LEVEL AGENCY OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL
CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING FEDERATION OF INDIA LIMITED
(NAFED) FOR PROCUREMENT OPERATION OF COPRA—
MODIFIED—ORDERS ISSUED

 AGRICULTURE (NCA) DEPARTMENT

G. O. (Ms.) No. 48/07/AD. *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 2nd April, 2007.*

Read:—1. G. O. (Ms.) No. 129/2005/AD. dated 3-9-2005.

2. G. O. (Ms.) No. 40/07/AD. dated 22-3-2007.

ORDER

In the G.O. read as 2nd paper above, orders have been issued designating Kerala Kera Karshaka Sahakarana Federation Ltd. (KERAFED), Thiruvananthapuram as the State Level Agency to National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), New Delhi for the procurement of copra under Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme for 2007 season. It was also ordered to delete the guidelines in sub-para (ii) of para 2 of the G.O. read as 1st above i.e., “the list of societies to be appointed.....financial background” and instead of that para the following guidelines were substituted:

“Ball copra may also be procured as per M.S.P. wherever required. In order to avoid malpractices and to ensure transparency, Procuring Agency/Society may ensure a certificate from the Local Agricultural Officer to the effect that Sri.....(Name of farmer with address) coming under the jurisdiction of Procuring Agency/Society is having.....acres of coconut cultivation and an approximate.....number of coconuts will be obtained from his garden”.

In partial modification of the G.O. read as 2nd above, Government are pleased to order that the guidelines ordered to be deleted will be retained in the G.O. read as 1st above. Moreover the guidelines substituted as per the G.O. read as 2nd above will also be retained for the purpose of copra procurement during 2007 season. However in the above substituted guidelines the words “Sy No” and “area under coconut” will be added after ‘Name of farmer with address’ and instead of ‘acres’ the “number of yielding coconut palms” and after ‘garden’ “per year” will be added and read accordingly.

By order of the Governor,
P. VISWANATHAN,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To

The Managing Director, KERAFED, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Joint Secretary to Government of India (Co-operation), Department of Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operation, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi (with Covering Letter).

The Branch Manager, NAFED, Branch Office, 35, Warehousing Centre, Gandhi Nagar, Kochi, Pin-682 020.

The Managing Director, NAFED, Sidhardha Enclave, New Delhi-110 014 (with copies of instructions issued in this regard for information and strict compliance).

The Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Thiruvananthapuram.

All District Collectors.

All Principal Agricultural Officers (through Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram).

The Finance Department.

The Accountant General (A&E)/(Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
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APPENDIX V

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT—PRICE POLICY FOR COPRA FOR 2009 SEASON—PROCUREMENT OF COPRA UNDER MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FIXED BY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA—KERALA KERA KARSHAKA SAHAKARANA FEDERATION LIMITED (KERAFED) DESIGNATED AS THE STATE LEVEL AGENCY OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING FEDERATION OF INDIA LIMITED (NAFED) FOR PROCUREMENT OPERATION OF COPRA—ORDERS ISSUED.

 AGRICULTURE (NCA) DEPARTMENT

G. O. (Ms.) No. 66/2009/AD. *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 28th March, 2009.*

- Read:—*
1. G. O. (Ms.) No. 127/2005/AD dated 31-8-2005.
 2. G. O. (Ms.) No. 129/2005/AD dated 3-9-2005.
 3. G. O. (Ms.) No. 40/2007/AD dated 22-3-2007.
 4. G. O. (Ms.) No. 48/2007/AD dated 2-4-2007.
 5. G. O. (Ms.) No. 37/2008/AD dated 25-2-2008.
 6. F. No. 18-6/2008-CC-ES dated 6-3-2009 from Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Government of India.
 7. Letter No. HO/OOS/Copra-PSS-08/7-8/20869 dated 23-2-2009 from NAFED.

ORDER

As per the G.O. read as first paper above, Government designated KERAFED, Thiruvananthapuram as the State Level Agency of NAFED, New Delhi for procurement of copra under Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme for 2005 season. Since then, KERAFED has been procuring copra under MSP through its own Regional Units as well as through societies specially appointed for this purpose. Government have issued the guidelines for the procurement of copra under MSP scheme as per G.O. read as second paper above, which were subsequently modified as per the G.Os. read as third and fourth papers above.

As per the letter read as sixth paper above, Government of India has informed that the MSP of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of Milling Copra has been fixed at ₹ 4,450 per quintal and that of FAQ of Ball Copra at ₹ 4,700 per quintal

for 2009 season. The National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) continues to act as the central nodal agency to undertake Price Support Operations of Copra for the 2009 season.

Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to designate Kerala Kerakarshaka Sahakarana Federation Limited (KERAFED), Thiruvananthapuram as the State Level Agency of National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), New Delhi for the procurement of copra under Minimum Support Price Scheme for 2009 season. The guidelines for procurement of copra under the MSP Scheme issued by the Government as per G.O. read as second paper above and subsequently modified as per the G.Os. read as third and fourth papers above will remain unchanged for the procurement of copra during 2009 season also.

By order of the Governor,
G. SHAJI,
Joint Secretary.

To

The Additional Economic Adviser (CC), Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi (with Covering Letter).

The Branch Manager, NAFED, Branch Office, 35, Warehousing Centre, Gandhi Nagar, Kochi, Pin-682 020.

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APPENDIX VI
GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT—PRICE POLICY FOR COPRA FOR 2009 SEASON—
PROCUREMENT OF COPRA UNDER MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FIXED BY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA—GUIDLINES FOR PROCUREMENT OF
COPRA—MODIFIED—ORDERS ISSUED

AGRICULTURE (NCA) DEPARTMENT

G. O. (Ms.) No. 81/09/AD. *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 27th April, 2009.*

- Read:—*1. G. O. (Ms.) No. 129/05/AD dated 3-9-2005.
2. G. O. (Ms.) No. 40/07/AD dated 22-3-2007.
3. G. O. (Ms.) No. 48/07/AD dated 2-4-2007.
4. G. O. (Ms.) No. 66/09/AD dated 28-3-2009.

ORDER

As per G. O. read as fourth paper above, Government have designated Kerala Kerakarshaka Sahakarana Federation (KERAFED), Thiruvananthapuram, as the State Level Agency of National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation (NAFED), New Delhi for procurement of copra under MSP for 2009 season. In the G.O., it was also ordered that the guidelines for the procurement of copra under the MSP Scheme issued by Government as per G.O. read as first paper above and subsequently modified as per G.O. read as second and third papers above will remain unchanged for the procurement of copra during 2009 season also.

As per G.Os. read as second paper and third paper above an additional para 'Ball copra.....his garden per year' has also been included in the guidelines.

To make the procurement operations smooth and to ensure transparency and to avoid malpractices, Government are pleased to substitute the following clause in the place of the above para.

“The procurement authorities should satisfy the genuineness of the farmers and in case of necessity they will be asked to produce a certificate that the supplier is a genuine farmer”.

By order of the Governor,
K. JAYAKUMAR,
Agriculture Production Commissioner.

To

The Additional Economic Adviser (CC), Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi (with Covering Letter).

The Branch Manager, NAFED, Branch Office, 35, Warehousing Centre, Gandhi Nagar, Kochi, Pin-682 020, Fax-2206915.

The Managing Director, KERAFED, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Managing Director, NAFED, Sidhardha Enclave, New Delhi-110 014, Fax-26340261.

The Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Thiruvananthapuram.

All District Collectors.

All Principal Agricultural Officers.

The Finance Department.

The Accountant General (A&E)/(Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

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APPENDIX VII

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT—PRICE POLICY FOR COPRA FOR 2009 SEASON—PROCUREMENT
OF COPRA UNDER MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FIXED BY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA—
AUTHORISING THE KERALA STATE CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING
FEDERATION LTD. (MARKETFED) TO PROCURE
COPRA THROUGH THEIR MARKETING SOCIETIES
IN ALL DISTRICTS—ORDERS ISSUED

 AGRICULTURE (NCA) DEPARTMENT

G. O. (Ms.) No. 151/2009/AD. *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 20th August, 2009.*

- Read:*—1. G. O. (Ms.) No. 66/2009/AD dated 28-3-2009.
2. G. O. (Ms.) No. 129/2005/AD dated 3-9-2005.
3. G. O. (Ms.) No. 40/2007/AD dated 22-3-2007.
4. G. O. (Ms.) No. 48/2007/AD dated 2-4-2007.
5. G. O. (Ms.) No. 81/2009/AD dated 27-4-2009.
6. G. O. (Ms.) No. 126/2009/AD dated 6-7-2009.

ORDER

As per the G. O. read as sixth paper above, Government had designated the Kerala State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd. (MARKETFED), Kochi also as the State Level Agency of National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), New Delhi for the procurement of copra under Minimum Support Price Scheme for 2009 season in eight districts viz., Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Idukki, Kottayam, Ernakulam and Thrissur. In the meeting held on 7-8-2009 to review the progress of copra procurement by the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, it was observed that to make the procurement more effective, MARKETFED requires an authorization to procure copra through their Marketing Societies in all districts of Kerala.

To make the procurement operations smooth and to ensure transparency and to avoid malpractices, Government are pleased to substitute the following clause in the place of the above para.

“The procurement authorities should satisfy the genuineness of the farmers and in case of necessity they will be asked to produce a certificate that the supplier is a genuine farmer”.

By order of the Governor,
K. JAYAKUMAR,
Agriculture Production Commissioner.

To

The Additional Economic Adviser (CC), Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi (with Covering Letter).

The Branch Manager, NAFED, Branch Office, 35, Warehousing Centre, Gandhi Nagar, Kochi, Pin-682 020, Fax-2206915.

The Managing Director, KERAFED, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Managing Director, NAFED, Sidhardha Enclave, New Delhi-110 014, Fax-26340261.

The Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram.

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All District Collectors.

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The Finance Department.

The Accountant General (A&E)/(Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

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APPENDIX VIII

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT—PRICE POLICY FOR COPRA FOR 2009 SEASON—
 PROCUREMENT OF COPRA UNDER MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FIXED BY
 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA—CONSTITUTION OF STATE LEVEL MONITORING
 COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE PROGRESS IN
 PROCUREMENT—ORDERS ISSUED

 AGRICULTURE (NCA) DEPARTMENT

G. O. (Ms.) No. 156/2009/AD. *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 24th August, 2009.*

- Read:*—1. G. O. (Ms.) No. 66/2009/AD dated 28-3-2009.
 2. G. O. (Ms.) No. 126/2009/AD dated 6-7-2009.
 3. G. O. (Ms.) No. 151/2009/AD dated 20-8-2009.
 4. F. No.18-6/08-CC-ES dated 6-3-2009 from Department of
 Agriculture and Co-operation, Government of India.

ORDER

As per the letter read as 4th paper above, Government of India has informed that the minimum support price of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of Milling Copra has been fixed at Rs. 4,450 per Quintal and that of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of Ball Copra at Rs. 4,700 per Quintal for 2009 season. The National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), New Delhi continues to act as the central nodal agency to undertake price support operations of copra for 2009 season. As per G.O. read as first paper above Government have designated the Kerala Kerakarshaka Sahakarana Federation Ltd. (KERAFED), Thiruvananthapuram as the State Level Agency of the National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), New Delhi for the procurement of copra under Minimum Support Price for 2009 season. As per G.O. read as second paper above the Kerala State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd. (MARKETFED), Kochi also has been designated as the State Level Agency of the National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), New Delhi for the procurement of copra in the eight southern districts of Kerala viz., Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Idukki,

Kottayam, Ernakulam and Thrissur. As per G. O. read as third paper above, Government have authorized the Kerala State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd. (MARKETFED) to procure copra through their marketing societies in all districts of Kerala. Accordingly the copra procurement operations under the MSP Scheme has been progressing in the state.

Government have reviewed the progress of copra procurement carried out by KERAFED and MARKETFED and hereby ordered to constitute a state level monitoring committee under the chairmanship of Agriculture Production Commissioner in the following formation to evaluate the progress of copra procurement operations under MSP Scheme on a weekly basis and to appraise the Government.

Agriculture Production Commissioner	:	Chairman
Director of Agriculture	:	Convener
Registrar of Co-operative Societies	:	Member
Chairman, NAFED	:	Member
Chairman, Kerala State Warehousing Corporation	:	Member
Chairman, KERAFED	:	Member
Chairman, MARKETFED	:	Member
Managing Director, NAFED, Kochi	:	Member
Managing Director, Kerala State Warehousing Corporation	:	Member
Managing Director, KERAFED	:	Member
Managing Director, MARKETFED	:	Member

By order of the Governor,

G. SHAJI,
Joint Secretary.

To

The Agriculture Production Commissioner, Director of Agriculture,
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Chairman, NAFED, Sidhardha Enclave, New Delhi-110 014.

The Managing Director, NAFED, Sidhardha Enclave, New Delhi-110 014.

The Branch Manager, NAFED, Branch Office, 35, Warehousing Centre,
Gandhi Nagar, Kochi-682 020.

The Chairman, KERAFED, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Managing Director, KERAFED, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Chairman, MARKETFED, P. B. No. 2024 Gandhi Nagar, Kochi-682 020.

The Managing Director, MARKETFED, P.B. No. 2024 Gandhi Nagar,
Kochi-682 020.

The Chairman, P. B. No. 1727, Kerala State Warehousing Corporation,
Ernakulam, Kochi-682 016.

The Managing Director, P.B. No. 1727, Kerala State Warehousing
Corporation, Ernakulam, Kochi-682 016.

APPENDIX IX

Central Bureau of Investigation,
Special Police Establishment,
Cochin Branch, Kathrikadavu,
Cochin-17,
Dated, 21-5-2010.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Government of Kerala,
Agricultural (NCA) Department,
Thiruvananthapuram.

Sub:—RC 12(A)/2004/KER(CC 17/05) against Shri Baby Chemparathey and others—Regarding.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. 13874/NCA1/2005/AD dated 3-5-2010 on the subject cited above.

2. It is intimated that on finalisation of investigation of RC 12(A)/2004/KER, a charge sheet U/s. 120-B r/w 420, 468, 471 and 477-A IPC and Sec. 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of PC Act, 1988 was filed before the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge-I, CBI, Ernakulam on 4-11-2005 against Shri Baby Chemparathy (Pvt.) (A-1), Shri T. M. Jose (A-2), Secretary, the Thodupuzha Taluk General Marketing Co-operative Society Ltd., Shri E. U. Jacob (A-3) (Pvt.), Shri Sam Jose (A-4),(Pvt.) Shri Manoj Jose (A-5) (Pvt.), Shri Jose Kuttiyani (A-6) (Pvt.), Shri Cyriac Jose (A-7), Agricultural Officer and Shri Martin Thomas (A-8), Agricultural Officer. Now the case stands posted to 13-6-2010 preliminary hearing.

Yours faithfully,

*Head of Branch,
CBI, SPE, Cochin-17.*

APPENDIX X

Indian Audit and Accounts Department,
Office of the Accountant General (A&E),
Kerala, M. G. Road,
Thiruvananthapuram,
Dated, 3-10-2005.

BKI/V/6-44/2005-06/09/197.

To

Smt. Susy Jose,
Additional Secretary,
Finance (AWC) Department,
Thiruvananthapuram.

Madam,

*Ref:—*No. 53168(a)/AWC 1/05/Fin. dated, 7-9-2005.

Kind reference is invited to your letter cited. It is presumed that the details of the repayment made to Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, against the loans released during 1996-97 and 1998-99 are required. As per orders, the repayment of loans is made to the Ministry of Finance, in respect of the loans released during a year after consolidating the amounts and is deemed to have been received on 1st October of the year, and not for individual loans. Also, from the release orders attached, the funds released as loans for the Kerala Agriculture Market Project cannot be ascertained separately.

In this connection, it is also intimated that the balance as on 31-3-2005 in respect of the loans released during 1996-97 has been recovered completely by the Ministry of Finance under debt swap scheme, during 2004-05. Likewise out of the balance as on 31-3-2005, in respect of the loans released in 1998-99 also, Rs. 137,28,61,969 has been recovered under debt swap scheme during 2004-05. That is, the loans released by Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure during 1996-97 have completely repaid by March 2005. From the balance of loans of 1998-99, it is not possible to segregate the amount outstanding in respect of the loans availed from EEC, as the recovery is made from the lump balance of the loans as on 31-3-2005. The balance now outstanding as on 31-3-2005, in respect of the loan of 1998-99 is Rs.245,80,71,547.

Yours faithfully,

M. V. GOLDEN,
Accounts Officer.
