

Coconut Procurement at Minimum Support Price

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Kochi: In an attempt to ensure minimum support price (MSP) for producers, the state government has entrusted Marketfed and Kerafed to procure milling coconut at MSP.

The move is aimed at not only protecting producers against price fluctuations but also to eliminate middlemen. Procurement from the districts of Kasargod, Kannur, Kozhikode, Malapuram and Palakkad is entrusted to Kerafed and the rest to Mar-

ketfed. The Coconut Development Board has given directed registered Coconut Producers Societies to sell their produce to the concerned agencies.

This will ensure a price of ₹14 per kilo for de-husked coconut and ₹15 for husked coconut.

CDB has requested Producer Societies without Copra Storage Systems to immediately avail of the financial assistance from the Board for setting up copra dryers and thus ensure profit for its members.