

The market price of betel nut has also fallen sharply for about 8 months now. The tribal cooperatives used to purchase the betel nut @ Rs. 80/- per kg earlier while they are purchasing it @ Rs. 50/- per kg now due to slump of the community in the market. The GOI have not fixed any support price for betel nut, so the tribal growers are suffering loss in marketing ^{there} ~~than~~ surplus produce of betel nut. Therefore TRIFED may be induced to take up procurement of betel nut from the tribal cooperative societies and restore the earlier selling price of Rs. 80/- per kg for the benefit of the tribal growers.

Accordingly we may send a reply to the Govt. of India if approved. A draft DO reply is placed below for approval please.

Research Officer (TW)

~~Director (TW)~~

~~10000~~
10000-10000
10000-10000

and the

ble
comp

For Helen 24 8/90 pl.

20

④

$$\begin{array}{r} 1344 / 100 \text{ (m)} \\ \underline{19.200} \\ 1355 / 100 \text{ (m)} \\ \underline{19.200} \\ 1547 / 100 \end{array}$$

(97)

SD

hh