

The overheads on procurement of copra from the societies are being met by the NAFED. Therefore there is no necessity of inducting TRIFED for procurement of copra at present. However TRIFED may take up procurement of copra in this UT after termination of the present one year's agreement.

The market price of betel nut has also fallen sharply for about 8 months now. The tribal cooperatives used to purchase betel nut @ Rs. 80/- per kg while they are purchasing it @ Rs. 50/- per kg now due to slump of the commodity in the market. The GOI have not fixed any support price for betel nut, so the tribal growers are suffering loss in marketing their surplus produce of betel nut. Therefore TRIFED may be inducted 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.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

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1. The Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars District, Port Blair with reference to his letter No. 2-63/ITDP/2000/1117 dated 21.8.2000.
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