

instead it is dealing in marketing of Agricultural produces like Copra and bettle nut of the tribals. However, the Govt. of India could be asked to extend the coverage of scheme for procurement and marketing of coconut and bettle nut as a special case in view of the fact that the tribals are hard-pressed economically.

Under this scheme the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs provide 100% grant-in-aid. The refore, the Co-operative Department may send a proposal with full justification to Govt. of India for sanction of GA to EHL to the tune of Rs. 2.18 Crore towards procurement and marketing of copra of the tribal growers.

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