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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2275
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/12/ 2025

SUPPORT TO LEMON FARMERS

 2275. SHRI MEDA RAGHUNADHA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the sharp decline in lemon yields in Andhra Pradesh due to extreme heat, especially in Rayalaseema region, despite strong demand and prices,

(b) whether measures are being taken to support affected farmers;

(c) whether steps are being considered to stabilize supply chains and ensure fair returns; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (d):   As reported by State Government, in State of Andhra Pradesh acid lime is grown. The area covered under acid lime is about 0.45 lakh hectares in the State with total production of around 9.07 lakh metric tonnes. Major acid lime growing districts include Eluru, East Godavari, Nellore, YSR Kadapa and Tirupati,. The price of acid lime in the State is influenced by various factors, such as, expansion of acid lime cultivation area in Rayalaseema due to farmers shifting away from the less profitable sweet orange crop, higher production during the current season owing to favourable climatic conditions and improved groundwater availability, lower demand from North Indian markets due to availability of alternative fruits for juice processing, and increased arrivals in major markets, including Gudur, from areas such as Kadapa, Chitvel and Rajampet.

     To support acid lime growing farmers, District Administration has conducted Buyers–Sellers Meets for lemon to facilitate direct linkage between farmers and traders to improve price discovery. Farmers have also been educated on quality enhancement measures and staggered harvesting practices to avoid market glut and ensure better returns.

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