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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2255
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07/08/2026

PROBLEMS FACED BY MANGO FARMERS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

2255. SHRI GOLLA BABURAO:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of severe problems being faced by mango farmers in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether farmers are demanding Market Intervention Scheme and financial support to come out of the crisis;
- (c) if so, the action taken by the Ministry so far;
- (d) whether Government has constituted a Committee under ICAR recently to study problems faced by Totapuri mango growers, for marketing, processing, etc., and submit its report in ten days;
- (e) if so, whether the report has been submitted; and
- (f) the recommendations made in report and action taken by Government on each of those recommendations?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Government is aware of the decline in prices of Totapuri mango in Andhra Pradesh during marketing season. Therefore on request of state, the Government has approved procurement of 2,16,250 Metric Tonnes (MT) of Totapuri mangoes under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for the marketing season 2026-27 with Market Intervention Price (MIP) of Rs. 1,747 per quintal.

(d) & (e): A high-level Expert Committee comprising senior level scientists from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Dr. Y.S.R. Horticultural University, and officers of the Government of Andhra Pradesh was constituted to examine the issues affecting Totapuri mango growers. The Committee conducted field visits to major Totapuri-growing districts, including Chittoor and Tirupati, and held consultations with farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), processors, traders, district administration and other stakeholders. The Committee has submitted its report to the Government.

(f): The Committee has recommended - rejuvenation and top-working of old and senile mango orchards, replacement of old varieties with new and improved varieties, blending of 20% pulp in juice, RTS, nectar etc. to enhance pulp usage, zonal procurement and storage infrastructure for prolonged processing duration and export promotion.

The recommendations involve short, medium and long-term interventions. As per information provided by Indian Council of Agricultural Research–Central Institute of Subtropical Horticulture (ICAR-CISH), Lucknow, the State Department of Horticulture has already completed selection of farmers in Chittoor and Tirupati Districts to develop top working orchards.
