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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3076**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 08<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**TOMATOES MARKET**

3076. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government recognizes Kolar as the biggest tomatoes market in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether there is a need to involve agricultural scientists for further research and development in the area?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Agricultural marketing is a state subject and States declare different types of market under their respective Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Act/ rules. As per the information received from Government of Karnataka, Kolar is the largest vegetable growing district in Karnataka, and it is known for being the leading producer of tomatoes. Tomato growers from within the State and neighboring States like Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh bring their produce for sale to the Kolar APMC and is being exported to other States viz., West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh and also to outside the country.

Over the last three years, 52,07,000 quintals, 49,74,999 quintals and 44,27,863 quintals of tomato produce have arrived at the Kolar APMC reflecting its importance in the tomato trade.

(b): Tomato growers face many challenges such as biotic (viral, fungal and bacterial diseases) and abiotic (high temperature, drought, salinity etc.) stresses depending on seasons and crop growing areas. Sometimes there is a glut in the market in the normal crop season (winter i.e. Oct.-March) and scarcity during the off season (Summer/Rainy i.e. April-Sept.), which causes fluctuations in tomato price. Many of these challenges are being addressed through development of climate resilient varieties through scientific interventions and development of technologies for increasing production and quality of tomato year-round in the country.

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