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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.377
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND JULY, 2025

SUPPORT TO MANGO FARMERS

377. SHRI T R BAALU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government is brought to the situation of distress sale of mangoes during the current season in various States and the farmers deprived of due to financial returns despite a good crop;

(b) if so, the details of actions which have been taken by Union and State Governments to ameliorate the situation of farmers; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a Mango Board to promote the cultivation of mangoes and provide necessary support and assistance to Mango growers including promotion of exports, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री   (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): The Production of mango, as per second advance estimate, during 2024-25 is expected to be 228.37 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) in comparison to 223.98 LMT during 2023-24. The higher production is mainly on account of better production of processable varieties of mango particularly in Southern States.

       To provide remunerative price to the farmers, Government implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), a component under Pradhan Mantri Annadata Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities, which are perishable in nature and are not covered under the Price Support Scheme (PSS). The objective of intervention is to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of a bumper crop during the peak arrival period when the prices tend to fall below economic levels. The scheme is implemented at the request of a State/ Union Territory (UT) government, which is ready to bear 50 percent of the loss (25 percent in case of North-Eastern States), if any, incurred on its implementation.

Government has introduced a new component of Price Differential Payment (PDP) under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) from 2024-25 season for direct payment of the price difference between the Market Intervention Price (MIP) and the selling price to the farmers of perishable crops. States/UTs have an option to choose either to do physical procurement of the crop or to make the differential payment between the MIP & Sale Price to the farmers.

Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare approves procurement of Mangoes at Market Intervention Price (MIP) under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) on the request of States/UTs when the market prices fall below the MIP.

(c): Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India also implements Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) which offers a holistic approach for development of horticulture crops including mango from Nursery Development, Production to Postharvest Management & Primary processing and Creation of Marketing Infrastructure etc. Assistance is also available from Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) and MIDH for establishment of accredited packhouses and infrastructures for promotion of export.

Further, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has dedicated organizations for research and development related to mango viz. Central Institute of Subtropical Horticulture, Indian Institute of Horticultural Research and Indian Agricultural Research Institute, which have developed near about a dozen of varieties for commercial cultivation in India. Currently, ICAR is also running 23 All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) Centre in mango. Along with ICAR, State Agricultural Universities are also engaged in research work related to production, post-harvest management & value addition in mango. The existing institutional mechanism and programmes are sufficient for development of mango sector.

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