

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding Problems faced by mango growers in Karnataka - Laid

SHRI D.K. SURESH (BANGALORE RURAL): I wish to raise the problems faced by Mango farmers in the state of Karnataka. The untimely rainfall and hailstorm across the state of Karnataka has resulted in massive crop damage this year. The new fruits get infected by hailstorm and drop from the tree. The affected fruits do not grow. In some cases, black spot develops on mango fruits. Slowly it gets rotten. As a result, mango fruits cannot be sold, and farmers suffer huge losses. This is the condition of most of the mango growers of my state and particularly in my Lok Sabha constituency this year. In my home district Ramanagara, mango crop is grown in about 23,500 hectares. The price of some varieties of mango which was between Rs. 60 and Rs. 100 has now dropped to Rs. 10 and Rs. 15. Therefore, I urge upon the Government for compensation from NDRF and fix an MSP for Mango.