

Re: Establishment of Flower Board in Chikkaballapur-laid

DR. K. SUDHAKAR (CHIKKABALLAPUR): Flowers hold a significant place in the cultural fabric of India. They play a central role in our daily rituals, from morning temple ceremonies to grand festivals. Floriculture, an ancient agricultural practice in India, holds immense potential for providing profitable self-employment opportunities to small and marginalized farmers. However, we have not fully tapped into the possibilities of floriculture in our country. In the year 2022-23, India's total export of floriculture amounted to Rs. 707.81 Crore USD 88.38 Million, with a substantial portion originating from Karnataka. Recognizing the transformative power of this sector and its ability to uplift the lives of thousands of farmers, I humbly urge upon the Indian Government to establish a Flower Board to promote flower cultivation. Given the availability of land and the promising prospects of flower farming in my constituency, Chikkaballapur, I kindly request the Government to consider establishing the headquarters of this board in my constituency. Furthermore, I earnestly appeal to the Government to extend support for floriculture farming not only in Chikkaballapur but also across the entire state of Karnataka.