

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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CENTRAL PROGRAMMES TO ASSIST TOMATO AND CABBAGE GROWERS IN KARNATAKA .  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government had announced its intension to aid the helplesstomato and cabbage growers in Karnataka by implementing several programmes and procurement of copra by Nafed will continue;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government had decided to setting up five agro food parks in the Karnataka as a long term solution to the problems of farmers;
- (c) if so, the main schemes prepared in this regard; and
- (d) the extent to which it helped the farmers in the State?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The Union Government is helping the farmers through implementation of ascheme for Macro-Management of Agriculture – Supplementation/Complementation of States` efforts through Work Plans which provides flexibility to States/UTs to prioritise their needs including assistance to tomato and cabbage growers. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation is continuing procurement of copra in Karnataka and other States.

(b) to (d): Department of Food Processing Industries, Government of India, hassanctioned Rs.4 crores each for establishment of two food processing parks in Karnataka. These parks would have fruit concentration/pulp making units, cold storage and warehousing facilities with uninterrupted water and power supply; affluent treatment and quality control systems. The parks envisage backward linkages with the farmers in the vicinity which would benefit them.