

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5809
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PRODUCTION OF PAPAYA
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Papaya produced in India has great demand in other countries especially in USA;
- (b) whether there is a vast scope to increase areas under cultivation of Papaya in the country;
- (c) if so, the steps taken to increase the production with a view to meet the domestic need as well as to increase the export to earn foreign exchange; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir. Papaya produced in India has great demand in other countries including USA.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Fruits under which assistance is provided for development of fruits including Papaya. The activities include production and distribution of quality planting material through nurseries, area expansion, productivity improvement programme and training of farmers. During the year 2000-01 new activities like horticulture mechanization, on farm handling of fruits, Disease Forecasting Units and Tissue/Leaf Analysis Laboratories have been included. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research as well as the Horticulture Department of State Agricultural Universities is conducting research on fruits including Papaya for developing improved and high yielding varieties and production technology. The Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority is having programmes for facilitating export of fruits including Papaya.