

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MARKET INTELLIGENCE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Karnataka had submitted a memorandum to the Union Government to provide market intelligence to the farmers to help them to get remunerative price for their agricultural produce;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the status of the proposal;
- (c) whether a demand has also been made for setting up of an Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) unit in the Raichur District to study and solve the problems being faced by the farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the status of the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): The Government of Karnataka has not submitted any Memorandum for market intelligence support to the farmers to get remunerative price for their agricultural produce.

(c) & (d): No demand has been made for setting up of an Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) unit in the Raichur District. At present there is no proposal to initiate any unit in Raichur district. However, already a Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) at Raichur is carrying out assessment, refinement and demonstration of agricultural technologies in the farmers' fields. This KVK is delivering its full potential in the form of validation, refinement and demonstration of a complete and holistic package of technologies to the farmers encompassing various disciplines of agriculture. The certified varieties of various crops are being used for demonstration by this KVK which is 100% funded by Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE)/ICAR. Apart from this, Raichur is also functioning as a centre of the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bangalore and carrying out the activities in the area of:

- (1) Animal energy and developing animal drawn equipments
- (2) Bio-gas conversion technology
- (3) Evaluating PAU farm solar dryers for drying chillies

These projects at Raichur Centre are also funded by ICAR on 75% funding basis.