

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF BANANA AND GRAPES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of production of banana and grapes in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish procuring centres for banana and grapes in Tamil Nadu to provide remunerative prices for agriculturists;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a): In Tamil Nadu, during 2009-10, total production of banana and grapes was 63.68 lakh Metric Tonnes and 0.89 lakh Metric Tonnes respectively.

(b) to (d): There is no proposal to set up separate procurement centres for Banana and Grapes in the State of Tamil Nadu. However, there are 151 farmers markets, (Uzharvar Sandhi) in the State wherein farmers are selling the fruits and vegetables including banana and grapes directly to the consumers. This enables the farmers to get remunerative prices without involvement of any intermediaries.

During 2009-10, everyday on an average 1944 Metric Tonnes of fruits and vegetables including banana and grapes worth Rs.2.65 crores were sold by 8389 farmers benefitting 3.35 lakhs consumers.