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PRODUCTION OF MANGOES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of various varieties of mangoes has fallen during the current year especially in Malehabad area of Uttar Pradesh as compared to previous years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the production of mangoes in the country?

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): Yes, Madam. The production of mango has fallen during the present crop season in the country including Malehabad area of Uttar Pradesh due to heavy and continuous rains which caused extended vegetative growth and reduction in flowering and fruit setting. The harvesting of mango is still continuing, therefore, the total production of mango can be assessed only after the crop season. A statement showing the production of mango during 2005-06 to 2007-08 in major mango growing states is placed at Annexure 'A'.

(c): The Government of India has been implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz., Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, Uttarakhand, J&K and Himachal Pradesh (TMNE) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for the remaining states for holistic development of horticulture including improvement of production and productivity of fruit crops like mangoes. Under these schemes, assistance is being provided for area expansion, establishment of nurseries for raising quality planting material, tree canopy management, rejuvenation of senile orchards, nutrient and water management, etc. which help in improving the production and productivity of mangoes.