

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3329
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PRODUCTION OF TAMARIND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of production of tamarind in the country. State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has provided assistance for creating proper marketing infrastructure, setting up of cold storages and also proposes to provide incentives to tamarind growers to increase the production of tamarind in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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): The State-wise details of production of tamarind in the country during 2008-09 is as under:

States Production in `000 tonnes

Andhra Pradesh 18.69

Karnataka 81.81

Kerala 20.16

Tamil Nadu 62.06

Total 182.72

Source: Directorate of Arecanut & Spices Development, Calicut.

(b) & (c): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, National Horticulture Mission(NHM), assistance is provided for setting up of cold storage units and creation of marketing infrastructure for horticulture crops including tamarind. The National Horticulture Board(NHB) also provides assistance for setting up cold storage facility. Details of State-wise and year-wise projects sanctioned under NHM and NHB for setting up of cold storage, rural primary markets, whole sale markets and terminal markets during the last three years and the current year are as in Annexure.

The Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development is implementing a scheme for production of planting material of tamarind (tamarind grafts) under NHM through State Agricultural Universities located in the major tamarind producing centers. Assistance of Rs. 20/-per graft is being provided for producing the planting material of tamarind. An amount of Rs.19.50 lakhs has been allocated for production of nucleus planting material of tamarind for the year 2010-11.