

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MANGO MELAS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government is organising `Melas of Mango` in each State including Andhra Pradesh, by focusing on providing incentives of value addition to the farmers for mango ripening with ethylene-harvesting in plastic crates and ripening in ethylene-chambers at identified locations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far; and

(c) the response received from the States thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (c): Under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) provision exists for organizing Seminars, Conferences, workshops and other promotional activities on horticulture including exhibitions, Kisan Melas/festivals at State and District level.

During 2012-13, Department of Horticulture, Government of Andhra Pradesh organized a Mango mela from 15th April, 2012 for a period of one month.

In all, 235 mango growers participated in the mela and 280 tonnes of fruits were sold during the mela.