GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3907 ANSWERED ON:16.12.2014 MANGO CULTIVATION Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that Mango cultivation is increasing in the country including Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the production and the demand for Mango during the last three years and the current year, State-wise:
- (c) whether the Government is aware that there is a need to develop infrastructure to promote more value added Mango products by using harvesting and processing technology in the country; and
- (d) if so, the measures that are being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

- (a) & (b): As per available information, State wise details of area and production of Mango, including Karnataka is at Annexure.
- (c) & (d): Yes Madam. The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) has undertaken steps to promote holistic growth of horticulture sector through area based regionally differentiated strategies, which include research, technology promotion, extension, post harvest management, processing and marketing in consonance with comparative advantage of each State/region and its diverse agro-climatic features.

MIDH provides assistance for Primary processing units @ 40% of capital cost of projects in general areas and @ 55% in Hilly & Scheduled areas upto Rs. 25.00 lakh/unit. Further, assistance for establishment of integrated post harvest management infrastructure viz. Pack Houses, cold storage units, mobile pre-cooling units, technology induction & modernization of cold-chain, refrigerated containers, ripening chambers etc. are provided under the Mission.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing the National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP),under which assistance is provided for Technology Upgradation/Establishment /Modernization of Food Processing Industries including mango processing units, and aims at creation of new processing capacity and upgradation of existing processing capabilities in the sectors including fruits and vegetables.