

Title: Need to create more cold storage for fruits and vegetables in Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI V. VETRISSELVAN (KRISHNAGIRI): Krishnagiri Parliamentary Constituency in Dharmapuri district has got very high potential for the growing of Mangoes, Guava, Grapes and other fruits, fresh Greens and Vegetables, Tamarind and flowers. All of them grow excessively during seasons and very scarcely during off-seasons. Without proper storage facilities, the farmers and agro-making agents were unable to store these agro produces for a long time as they are fast perishable. As a result of huge production during the seasonal times, the prices of these agro-produces fall very steeply and the farmers, marketing people invariably incur heavy losses. During the off-season the production of agro-products are very less and due to scarcity, the prices shoot up and common public suffer a lot. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to create more cold-storage facilities in my Parliamentary constituency, Krishnagiri, for the benefit of farmers, agro-marketing agencies and common public as a whole.