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Title : Need to set up storage facilities and Food processing industries in Krishnagiri and Dharampuri districts for the benefit of mango growers in the region.

SHRI E.G. SUGAVANAM (KRISHNAGIRI): In Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri districts out of all the fruits ,mango cultivation is approximately 40,000 hectares. Annually several lakh tones of mangoes are produced here. Number of varieties of mangoes that are cultivated here fetches huge foreign exchange to the Government. These units are also providing huge employment opportunities to the local people.

As the mango production is plenty, so is the production of mango pulp. Out of the total mango pulp produced in India, 1/4th is contributed by both Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri districts. The increasing demand for mango pulp envisages the rapid expansion of mango pulp industries in the region.

To cope with the increasing cultivation of mangoes and production of mango pulp, proper storage facility and adequate number of food processing industries are required in the region.

Hence, I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister to set up proper storage facilities and to establish food processing industries in the Krishnagiri and Dharamapuri districts.