

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION & FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2721
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/03/2021

PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF MANGOES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state :-

- (a): the reasons of failure to boost mango production even though India is the largest producer of mangoes in the world, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard;
- (b): whether Government is considering to transform and modernize the agriculture sector which includes mango cultivation in mango producing States of the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c): the corrective steps taken by Government to boost the production and export of mangoes and to prevent mango crop loss from pests?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Mango production in India has increased from 19506.20 ('000 MT) in the year 2016-17 to 21124.18 ('000 MT) in the year 2020-21 (1st advance estimate) with the help of various steps taken by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, being implemented in all States and UTs.

(b) & (c): The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce & Industry has taken several steps like Hortinet Traceability System and Cluster Development Programme in major producing states under Agri Export Policy to modernize and transform horticulture exports. APEDA has also assisted in development of Cargo Perishable Centers at various airports in the country apart from setting up walk-in type cold stores at airports. Common facilities like pack houses, VHT facilities and Irradiation facilities have been set up in various States with the financial assistance from APEDA.

The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture undertakes various development activities like Planting Material Production, Area Expansion of Mango through Normal and High Density Planting, Rejuvenation, Integrated Nutrient & Pest Management, Post Harvest Management and Marketing Infrastructures in various mango producing states of the country to transform and modernize the agriculture sector.
