

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2432
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST MARCH, 2025

SUPPORT TO GROUNDNUT FARMERS IN KARNATAKA

2432. DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE:

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

- (a) the steps being taken by Government to support groundnut farmers in Karnataka, particularly, in the districts of Udupi, Chikmagalur, Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, Shimoga, Tumakur and Malnad region for providing better market access;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to promote the establishment of groundnut oil extraction units in Karnataka, given the importance of groundnut oil extraction and its potential for export; and
- (c) the measures being taken to enhance the export potential of groundnut oil and other groundnut-based products from Karnataka, in order to boost the State's agricultural economy?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): The Union Cabinet has approved the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-OS) on 3rd October, 2024 to boost domestic oilseed production over a seven-year period, from 2024-25 to 2030-31. The objective of NMEO-Oilseeds is to enhance the production of key primary oilseed crops including groundnut. As reported by State Government of Karnataka, NMEO- Oilseeds and Targeting Rice Fallow Area - Oilseeds (TRFA-OS) programmes are being implemented in the State. Additionally, 1300 ha block level demonstrations for various oilseed crops, including groundnut, were conducted under NMEO- OS and TRFA- OS during 2024-25, details as under:

- Groundnut demonstrations in Udupi 50 ha., Chikmagalur 125 ha., Uttara Kannada 100 ha and Tumakur 125 ha.
- Sunflower demonstrations in Chikmagalur 300 ha, Shimoga 100 ha and Tumakur 300 ha.
- Castor demonstrations in Tumakur 200 ha.

(b) & (c): NMEO- Oilseeds Mission has provision of establishment of oil extraction units with subsidy of 1/3rd cost of unit or Rs. 9.90 lakh per unit (whichever is lower) for selected value chain partners in oilseed clusters.

3.73 lakh hectare area in Karnataka was under groundnut during 2023-24. NMEO- Oilseeds aims to support increase in area, production and productivity for self- sufficiency in oilseeds.
