

Regarding grant of clearance for availability of forest land to Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) in Kolar for expanding its premises-laid

SHRI S. MUNISWAMY (KOLAR): Kolar has the second biggest tomatoes market in the Asian Continent. The inflow and outflow of tomatoes and other vegetables happens at the Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) premises. This is too small place to accommodate the huge quantity of tomatoes and vegetables.

I along with the farmers of Kolar have made consistent appeal to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to intervene in the matter of allotting an available forest land in the vicinity of the APMC market at Kolar.

The State Government has given a negative reply citing some reasons in spite of the Central Government's intervention. Now I request the Hon?ble Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change to kindly treat it as a special case and allot the available forest land for the greater good of the farmers and the traders of tomatoes and vegetables using his discretionary/prerogative powers.