

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH TO STORE MANGO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Andhra Pradesh is the largest producer of mangoes in the country and inspite of having this advantage it is not able to export mangoes to various destinations of the world and even within the country since there is no proper technology to store mangoes for a longer period;
- (b) if so, whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) or any other agricultural research institute has carried out or is carrying out any research to store mangoes for a longer period so that they can be exported to other countries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the assistance provided by the Agriculture Produce Export Development Authority (APEDA) to the States including Andhra Pradesh for storing, exporting and marketing of mangoes within and outside the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Andhra Pradesh is the largest producer of mangoes in the country with about 28% share in the total production. Mangoes, including those from Andhra Pradesh, are being exported regularly to various destinations.
- (b) Technology for better post harvest management and longer shelf life (upto four weeks) of mangoes has been developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Efforts are being made to increase this shelf life further to enhance exports.
- (c) The details are given in Annexure-I.
- (d) The details are given in Annexure-II.