

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 34
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JULY, 2026

CHALLENGES FACED BY MANGO GROWERS

*34. SHRI CHAMALA KIRAN KUMAR REDDY:
SHRI EATALA RAJENDER:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a high-level expert committee/set up panel to examine the challenges being faced by Totapuri and other mango growers in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the work done so far, reports given, action taken and financial help given to such farmers;
- (c) whether prices of the various varieties including Totapuri mango variety, which is cultivated extensively for the processing industry, have declined significantly in recent months and farmers highlighted that the sustained fall in prices has adversely affected their incomes and created considerable financial stress among mango-producing farmers in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the corrective steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED
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“CHALLENGES FACED BY MANGO GROWERS”**

(a) to (d): A high-level expert committee, comprising of Senior level Scientists from ICAR, Dr YSR Horticulture University and officials of State Horticulture Department, Andhra Pradesh was constituted to examine the challenges faced by Totapuri mango growers in Andhra Pradesh. The committee undertook an intensive field visit to major Totapuri producing districts of Andhra Pradesh including Chittoor and Tirupati. During field visit, consultations were held with Mango growers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Pulp processing industries, Traders and commission agents, Officials of Horticulture Department, District Magistrates and other stakeholders. A comprehensive assessment of entire Totapuri mango value chain was conducted to have long term solutions for price stabilization. The major recommendations of the committee are: -

- Rejuvenation and top-working of old and senile mango orchards.
- Replacement of old varieties with new and improved varieties.
- Blending of 20% pulp in juice, RTS, nectar etc. to enhance pulp usage.
- Zonal procurement and storage infrastructure for prolonged processing duration.
- Export promotion.

The price of Totapuri mangoes for processing has declined to Rs. 4-6 per kg this year against Rs. 18-20 per kg in previous years. With a view to mitigate the distress, the Government has approved financial assistance of Rs 1,747 per Quintal under the market intervention scheme (via price deficiency payment system) for Totapuri growers.
