

Regarding demand for independent Papaya Processing Park in Nandurbar

ADV. GOWAAL KAGADA PADAVI (NANDURBAR): Honorable Chairperson Madam, thank you. My parliamentary constituency of Nandurbar is recognized as the number one district in the entire state of Maharashtra for papaya production. However, despite such large-scale production, farmers still do not receive fair prices for their produce. Through you, I would like to urge the Central Government to establish an independent 'Papaya processing Park' in my Nandurbar constituency. This park should be equipped with facilities for papaya grading, washing, packaging, and storage. Furthermore, Nandurbar should be included under the 'One Nation, One Product' scheme to garner both national and international recognition. Financial assistance should be extended to papaya-growing farmers through initiatives such as the PM Kisan Sampada Scheme, the Mega Food Park Scheme, and APEDA. Additionally, a skill development and training center should be established for tribal youth both young men and women to generate local employment opportunities. Cold storage facilities and logistics centers should also be set up within the district. Hon. Madam, if this Papaya Park is established, it will benefit thousands of farmers; their incomes will double, they will receive fair remuneration for their produce, and their agricultural produce will no longer go to waste. Moreover, market control will no longer remain solely in the hands of traders, and the Papaya Park will accord Nandurbar recognition on a national level. Therefore, I appeal to the Central Government to grant approval for this project and make the necessary financial provisions. Thank you.

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