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Shivamogga

# Machines can reduce cost of agri production: Kammardi

He stresses on need to strengthen marketing system

SHIVAMOGGA: Karnataka State Agriculture Price Commission Chairman T N Prakash Kammardi has stressed that the cost of agriculture production can be reduced through extensive use of machines in farming.

Inaugurating Cost of Cultivation & Market Intelligence Cell in a programme jointly organised by Karnataka State Agriculture Price Commission and University of Agricultural & Horticultural Sciences (UAHS) at Organic Farming Research centre auditorium, here on Saturday, he said, the use of agricultural machinery would reduce the production cost. So, the government is promoting agricultural mechanisation. Agricultural machines are being given to small farmers on rental basis. With this, farmers can reduce their cost production and thus earn good profit, he said.

According to the data released by the Centre, one tractor is used in 17 hectares of land which is not a good sign. He advised farmers to utilise agricultural equipment on priority basis. He also admitted that there is a need to strengthen marketing system.

He claimed that the Commission is making an honest attempt to transform agriculture into a profitable industry and thus provide guarantee in-



Karnataka State Agriculture Price Commission Chairman T N Prakash Kammardi, farmer leaders H R Basavarajappa, Hanumana Gowda Belagurki and others at the inaugural ceremony of Cost of cultivation & Market Intelligence Cell at UAHS campus in Shivamogga on Saturday. DH photo

come to farmers. It is possible to find out the cost of production and fix price based on it. A report in this regard has been prepared covering 131 crops excluding sugarcane and it will be submitted to the government shortly, he added.

He said the cost of production of any agricultural product should be fixed after consulting farmers. A fair report has been prepared. The commission had identified the cost of production of around 17 crops last year. This year, the cost of production of 31 crops has been

identified. However, the price fixed by the government is not so encouraging for farmers. The cost of production has increased even after fixing the support price. The support price will be announced for the selected crops. There is a need to strengthen the system, he added.

Hanumana Gowda Belagurki, member of the commission, regretted that the predictability of farm income has collapsed in the current society. So, many youths are not keen to take up agriculture. Besides,

they are not getting required assistance from agricultural scientists of various universities in the state due to the less number of integrated agriculture universities. However, UAHS Shivamogga is an exception. He also said primary market is undisciplined but the secondary market is highly disciplined. For example, farmers don't know the actual price of ragi, wheat. But the prices of ragi malt, biscuits are known to all. So, the agriculture universities should come together and assess the virtual value of

agriculture produce, he suggested.

Farmer leader H R Basavarajappa urged the government to make honest efforts to prevent farmer suicides due to crop loss. Besides, there is a need to provide guarantee income to food grains. The market system should be strengthened. Two booklets 'Profitability of mechanisation in rain-fed paddy cultivation and irrigated paddy cultivation' were released on the occasion.

UAHS Shivamogga Research Director M K Naik, Director of Extension T H Gowda, progressive farmer Asha Sheshadri, Joint Director of Agriculture Department K Madhusudhan, Deputy Director of Horticulture Department M Vishwanath, Malnad Area Marketing Co-operative Society Ltd Vice-President Subramanya Yadagere and others were present.

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