

## Banana Pack House

Banana, the second largest fruit crop in the world, is recognized to be the fourth important food crop in terms of gross value. As the largest producer of banana in the world, India contributes nearly 23% to the total global production.

Gujarat is one of the largest producers of banana in the country. The productivity of banana in Gujarat (60 MT/ha) is even higher than the global standard (24.7 MT/ha.). The production of banana in Gujarat during 2009-10 was more than 3.7 million tonnes from 61,919 ha. Anand, Surat, Vadodara, Narmada, Bharuch and Kheda are the major banana producing districts contributing about 93.36 per cent to the total banana production in the state. In the past few years, several consignments of banana were exported from Gujarat to the Middle East countries and the reports were quite encouraging.

With the twin objectives of exploiting this competitive advance and facilitating the export of banana from the State, GAIC has implemented a Banana Pack house at Uchhab, Nr. Achaliya, Ta. Jaghadia, Dist. Bharuch with two Collection centers within a periphery of 25 – 30 Kms. The capacity of the project is as under:-

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| Pre-cooling chambers 10 MT x 3 Nos.  | = 30 MT         |
| Ripening chambers 20 MT x 3 Nos.     | = 60 MT         |
| Cold storages 150 x 1 No. = 150 MT } |                 |
| and 75 MT x 2 Nos. = 150 MT }        | = 300 MT        |
| Processing area                      | = 2400 Sq. mtr. |

The capacity of each collection centre is 30 MT.

The project is commissioned and started commercial operation. The Operation, Maintenance and Management of the project is handled by M/s. Cargo Service Center India Pvt. Ltd.

The project is implemented under the financial assistance from APEDA and Govt. of Gujarat.

