

**Geographical Indication of Goods
(Registration and protection Act, 1999)**

In the matter of an application by the
Department of Horticulture,
Government of Karnataka for
registration of "Kamalapur Red
Banana" (*Banana*) as a geographical
indication in class 33.

STATEMENT OF CASE

01. The Department of Horticulture is a public sector organization under the Government of Karnataka promoting the extension and development of Horticulture in Karnataka.
02. Plant is 20-25 feet tall having lanky trunk and a long duration variety of 18 to 20 months, the flowers open at night time unlike most other banana flowers. It is distinguished from other varieties of banana by reddish color of trunk and fruit
03. It is a tall and stout plant found in all the banana growing countries of the world. The red banana which is popularly called as rich man's fruit (at retail level per fruit cost 6-7 rupees) is grown mainly in Kamalapur hobli of Gulbarga district which is located at north eastern region of the state, the district is spread between 16°12' to 17°46' north latitude and 76°5' to 77°42' east longitude. The district is located at 693 meter from mean sea level. As for the opinion of the traditional folklores and local farmers the crop was introduced to this area from Persia by Arab traders during nizam rule.
04. The soil type locally called as Halubilapu (white clay-loam soil) is unique to Kamalapur area which found to support the domestication of red banana in Kamalapur since time immemorial and it is not found in other areas. So red banana is only growing in this area but not in other areas. Once the Hyderabad Nizam tried this in Hyderabad but he was failed in his attempt to grow.

05. The fruit tapers to apex; rind when ripe red, medium thick; pulp cream-coloured sweet with good flavour. It is a delicious banana.
06. The unique characteristic of this variety is fruits skin is red in colour and inner pulp is cream in colour with sweet taste.
07. Apart from table purpose, the Kamalapur red banana is widely used for its medicinal values according to traditional knowledge of local people, it is 1) Recommended for typhoid patients particularly child patients by traditional hakims and Ayurvedic doctors, 2) known to cure tuberculosis and related weakness, 3) known to use in cases of diabetes, spitting of blood, diarrhea, indigestion and flatulence, 4) known to cure scurvy, soothes and protects alimentary tracts, 5) known to act as gentle laxative and 6) known to use in Anemia
08. The name Kamalapur red banana therefore qualifies as a geographical indication in the aforesaid type of banana aforesaid region. The Department of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka is accordingly making this application for registering Kamalapur red banana as a geographical indication. Department of Horticulture, therefore submits that it is in the interest of farmers that there should be a registration for Kamalapur red banana as a geographical indication to ensure that it is sold under the name Kamalapur red banana. Since it is produced in the aforesaid region in Karnataka, India and having aforesaid special distinctive and naturally occurring unique characteristics.
09. Such a registration would assist in enforcing the provision of the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act 1999.

Director of Horticulture