

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 61
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24/07/2026

EXPANSION AND INTEGRATION OF e-NAM AND ALLIED PLATFORMS

*61. SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of expansion and integration of Electronic-National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) and allied platforms during 2026;
- (b) the number of mandis and States integrated under the platform;
- (c) whether inter-State trade and price discovery mechanisms have improved under the platform and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken to enhance farmers' access to remunerative markets and reduce dependence on intermediaries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(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 THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 61 FOR 24TH JULY, 2026 REGARDING 'EXPANSION AND INTEGRATION OF e-NAM AND ALLIED PLATFORMS'

(a) & (b): The Government is implementing National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), a pan-India electronic trading platform, to facilitate transparent and competitive online trading of agricultural commodities. Integration of Mandis on e-NAM is done on the basis of proposals received from States/Union Territories (UTs). As on 30th June, 2026, 1656 mandis from 23 States and 4 UTs have been integrated with e-NAM, which includes 134 mandis of 5 States/UTs integrated from January to June, 2026.

(c) & (d): The Government has taken several measures to enhance farmers' access to remunerative markets and reduce their dependence on intermediaries. Mandis integrated with e-NAM provide farmers access to a larger pool of buyers, transparent online bidding, better price discovery and direct payment of sale proceeds into their bank accounts. The platform also facilitates inter-State trade by enabling buyers across the country to participate in transparent online bidding, thereby promoting competitive price discovery and better price realization for farmers. As on 30th June, 2026, 1.89 crore farmers and 2.78 lakh traders are registered on e-NAM. Further Inter-state trade on e-NAM has increased from 563 MT (Rs.37 Lakh) in 2018-19 to 2984.3 MT (Rs.14.28 Crore) in 2025-26. Cumulatively, 28,566 MT inter-state trade has been recorded on e-NAM valued at Rs.83.95 Crore. e-NAM has provision of "closed" bids i.e. other bidders cannot see the amount being bid. The average of trader bids per lot has increased from 2.1 in 2016-17 to 2.8 in 2025-26, indicating participation of more traders in each auction.

Further, to strengthen farmers' collective marketing, improve market linkages with value chain partners, organized retailers, institutional buyers and digital platforms, and enable aggregation of produce for better bargaining power and economy of scale, the Department is promoting Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) under the Central Sector Scheme for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs to strengthen farmers' collective marketing, improve market linkages with value chain partners, organized retailers, institutional buyers and digital platforms, and enable aggregation of produce for better bargaining power and economy of scale. 4754 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) are onboarded on e-NAM, enabling them to aggregate produce, participate in transparent online trading and access a wider pool of buyers.

Besides, Department of Agriculture & Farmers is implementing following schemes to strengthen post-harvest management, agricultural infrastructure, value addition and better access to the markets as detailed below:

- (a) Under the Agriculture Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), a Sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing Scheme (ISAM), financial assistance in the form of subsidy is provided for creation of storage and non-storage facilities. Under the Scheme, 12353 storage infrastructure projects with storage capacity of 369.18 lakh MT and 6901 other than storage projects have been sanctioned during the last 10 years.
- (b) Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF): The Scheme facilitates medium- to long-term debt financing for creation of post-harvest management infrastructure and viable farming assets. The Scheme provides 3% interest subvention and credit guarantee support on loans up to ₹2 crore for eligible borrowers, subject to a maximum lending rate of 9% per annum. 18893 warehouses, 3110 Cold Stores and Cold Chain projects as well as 2105 integrated primary and secondary processing units have been provided support under AIF in terms of interest subvention.

- (c) Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic & medicinal plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo. MIDH has created 1.76 lakhs units including pack houses, cold storage units, refrigerated vans, primary/mobile processing units, ripening chambers, pre cooling units attached to cold storages and mobile pre cooling units under the component of Post-Harvest Management.

In addition, Ministry of Cooperation is also implementing World's Largest Grain Storage Programme (WLGSP) for creation of decentralized scientific storage infrastructure at the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) level through convergence of existing Government schemes i.e. AMI, AIF etc. The Programme enables farmers to store their produce at the village level, thereby reducing distress sales immediately after harvest and allowing them to sell when market conditions are favourable. The Programme also strengthens PACS as multipurpose service centres by creating facilities for storage, processing units, which improve farmers' access to remunerative markets. The Programme facilitates linkage of PACS with procurement agencies reducing farmers' dependence on intermediaries and enhancing their income. Under the pilot project, construction of godowns in 11 PACS of 11 States has been completed. Further, under the Extended Pilot, as on date construction work has been completed in 302 PACS creating a storage capacity of 1.71 LMT.
