## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3399 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY. 2019

## **GRAMEEN ANAJ MANDI**

3399. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish 22000 Grameen Anaj Mandis for farmers to sell their agricultural products;
- (b) whether these 22000 mandis include the already existing 7600 grameen haats; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government proposes to fund the establishment of these 22000 Grameen Anaj Mandis throughout the country?

## ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) & (b): Pursuant to announcement in the Union budget, 2018-19, to develop and upgrade existing 22,000 Grameen Haats, Government is engaged in developing these Grameen Haats into Grameen Agricultural Markets (GrAMs) to provide better marketing facilities to the farmers to directly sell their products to consumers and bulk purchasers for remunerative prices. The Grameen Haats would not include the regulated wholesale market yards which are regulated under respective State Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) Act.
- (c): As per announcement in Union Budget 2018-19, physical infrastructure and facilities will be strengthened using MGNREGA and other Government schemes. Road connectivity to these Haats from habitations will be provided under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana(PMGSY) Phase-III. Apart from above, marketing infrastructure in the GrAMs will be provided under Agri. Market Infrastructure Fund (AMIF) of Rs.2000 crore. Further, Government has already circulated "Operational Guidelines" to the States to facilitate them to supervise the establishment and operation of the GrAMs.

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