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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.409
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5TH FEBRUARY, 2019

APMC AGRI MARKETS

409. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that agri markets established under Agriculture Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs) are less in majority of the States across the country, if so, the details thereof and the total number of markets functioning under APMC in all the States including the State of Haryana; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that only 5 per cent of the APMC markets have cold storage facilities and weighing facilities are available in only 49 per cent of the markets, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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): Yes, Madam. National Commission on Agriculture (1976) and National Commission on Farmers (2006) in their reports have recommended an average geographical area to be served by one market as 80 Sq. Km.

As on 31.03.2017, there are 6630 numbers of Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) markets in the country with an average geographical area served by each APMC to be 496 sq. km. Haryana has 281 APMCs in the State.

In order to improve market density in the country, the Government has announced in Union Budget 2018-19 to additionally develop and upgrade existing 22,000 rural haats located near to farm gates into Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs) to work as centers of aggregation and direct purchase of agricultural commodities thereby substantially improving market access for farmers.

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(b): No formal study has been carried out in all APMCs to assess the percentage of cold storage and weighing facilities in these markets. However, a questionnaire based survey was conducted in limited number of markets by Directorate of Marketing and Inspection, an attached office under Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), in 2015. Based on the response received from 1525, markets it is observed that cold storage facilities and weighing facilities existed in 15% and 49% of the markets respectively.

In order to improve the marketing infrastructure including storage, cold storage and weighing facilities in markets, the Government is implementing various schemes such as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana-Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR), Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters).

Further, to facilitate farmers to receive competitive and remunerative prices in transparent manner, the Government is implementing National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) Scheme. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to APMCs for installing electronic weighing scale in addition to computer IT equipments, assaying equipments, cleaning/ sorting/ grading equipments and bio- composting units.
