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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4455**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023

**GRAMIN AGRICULTURE MARKETS**

4455. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

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

- (a) whether the budgetary promise of upgrading of 22,000 rural haats into Gramin Agriculture Markets(GrAMs) is in progress and if so, the details thereof,State-wise;
- (b) whether any targeted strategy including Public-Private-Participation (PPP) and technology harnessinghas been promulgated to enhance the capabilities of such rural haats as considered by the Government;and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Agriculture Marketing is a State subject and States, based on the demands and requirements of the farmers, develop the agricultural markets including rural agricultural markets. However, in pursuance to budgetary announcement in 2018-19, Ministry of Rural Development (MORD) under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has been strengthening physical infrastructure in rural haats/ rural agricultural markets. Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare formulated a scheme of "Agri-Markets Infrastructure Fund (AMIF)" to develop and upgrade 22,000 rural haats into Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs). Under the scheme, State Governments submit demand proposals for availing the facilities of loan for developing marketing infrastructure in GrAMs. Under the scheme, 3% interest subvention was to be provided to the panchayats through respective state Governments.

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