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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 873
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH FEBRUARY, 2023

RURAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETS

873. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to reform the rural agriculture markets as per the needs and demands of the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective actions taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the number of mandis targeted to be established under the Gramin Krishi Bazar by the Government as per its above said action plan;
- (d) the details of the total mandis established in Maharashtra according to the above said target and the number thereof, constituency-wise/district-wise; and
- (e) the number of mandis having basic facilities and the number of said mandis lacking the basic facilities out of the total established mandies?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): Agricultural 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, pursuant to announcement in the Union Budget 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; while Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare formulated a scheme of "Agri-Market Infrastructure Fund (AMIF)" for developing marketing and farm level value addition infrastructure. Under the scheme, 3% interest subvention was to be provided to the panchayats through respective State Governments. Being it demand driven, States including Maharashtra did not submit any proposal / DPR to avail assistance under the said scheme.
