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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 709
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25th JULY, 2023

AIF SCHEME

709. SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD :
SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI:

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

- (a) the objectives of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) Scheme;
- (b) the details of funds allocated for such scheme in Gujarat State, district-wise; and ;
- (c) the criteria for selection of the eligible borrowers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) scheme was launched with an objective to mobilize a medium - long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management Infrastructure and community farming assets through incentives and financial support in order to improve agriculture infrastructure in the country.

(b) AIF Scheme does not have any provision to allocate funds district-wise. However, Gujarat has been tentatively allocated Rs.7282 Crores which shall be disbursed as a loan to eligible borrowers by the landing institutions.

(c) Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC), Agri-Entrepreneur, Central sponsored Public-Private Partnership Project, Farmer, Farmer Producers Organization (FPO), Federation of Farmer Produce Organisations, Joint Liability Groups (JLGs), Local Body sponsored Public-Private Partnership Project, Marketing Cooperative Society, Multipurpose Cooperative Society, National Federations of Cooperatives, Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS), Self Help Group (SHG), Federations of Self Help Groups, Start-Up, State Agencies, State Federations of Cooperatives, State sponsored Public-Private Partnership Project are eligible for the benefits under AIF scheme. However, participating lending institutions decide criteria for selection of eligible borrower as per their own policy, keeping in mind the viability of the projects.
