

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

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3539  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019

**GROWTH OF AGRO-BASED BUSINESSES**

3539. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has proposed any plan to promote the growth of agro-based businesses like grape-wine business across the India;
- (b) the quantum of export-earning of agro-based businesses during the financial year 2019-2020, the details thereof; and
- (c) the schemes for promotion of agro-based businesses and the allocation of funds to implement these schemes during the financial year 2019-2020, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, is promoting agro-based business through Venture Capital Assistance (VCA) Scheme through Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC), a registered society under this Department. Under the scheme assistance in the form of interest free loan is extended up to 26% of the promoter's equity or Rs. 50.00 lakh to agripreneurs whichever is lower for projects upto Rs. 500.00 lakh. An amount of Rs. 133.79 crore has been allocated under Budget Estimates during financial year 2019-20.

As per information provided by Department of Commerce, Government of India, the total export of agricultural products during 2019-20 (upto September 2019) is 16618.79 Million USD.

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