

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1463**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL CENTRES IN WEST BENGAL**

1463. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) the reasons for the delay in functioning of e-NAM facility sanctioned in 2015 for Siliguri Regulated Market, despite having all the infrastructure set-up ready;
- (b) the reasons why the Pineapple Development Centre at Bidhan Nagar (Darjeeling district), inaugurated in 2011, has not been functional till date; and
- (c) the details of Central Government funding/assistance for development of agriculture in Darjeeling, Kalimpong, and North Dinajpur districts?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Proposal/ Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for integration of total 17 mandis which also included Siliguri Regulated Market, as received from Government of West Bengal for integration of aforesaid mandis with National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) platform, had been approved by Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Government of India, on 28.03.2017 for sanction of one time grant. Based on the preparedness of the State with sufficient computers & other hardwares and requisite manpower in the mandis, the aforesaid mandis of West Bengal had been integrated with e-NAM platform in March, 2018.

(b): As informed by Government of West Bengal, the infrastructure at Pineapple Development Centre facility is completed and one M/s Himalayan Foods Pvt. Ltd. has been selected by Siliguri & Jalpaiguri Development Authority (SJDA) as the O&M partner. There was a demand from the local pineapple merchants for construction of an approach road to the facility. SJDA has already initiated process for construction of approach road and the centre shall come into operation after an inception meeting with all stakeholders of the centre. This has been held up due to present pandemic situation.

(c): The details of Central Government funding/assistance for development of agriculture in Darjeeling, Kalimpong, and North Dinajpur districts is as under:

**National Food Security Mission (NFSM)**

- 1) Darjeeling: Rs. 10.08 lakh (coarse cereal, nutria, cereal)
- 2) Kalimpong: Rs. 8.5 lakh (coarse cereal, nutria, cereal)
- 3) Uttar Dinajpur: Rs. 376.49 lakh ((coarse cereal, rice, pulse)

**Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)**

- 1) Darjeeling & Kalimpong: Rs. 20.57 lakh
- 2) Uttar Dinajpur: Rs. 504.7 lakh

**Soil Conservation**

- 1) Darjeeling: Rs. 80.40 lakh
- 2) Kalimpong: Rs. 71.13 lakh

**Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI)**

- 1) Siliguri Sub-Division: Rs. 110.30702 lakh

Uttar Dinajpur: Rs. 25. 16884 lakh

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