

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 266**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020

**AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

266. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:  
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched a new financing scheme under the Rs.1 lakh crore Agriculture Infrastructure Fund meant for setting up storage and processing facilities to help farmers get higher prices for their crops; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and progress made, State-wise, along with funds sanctioned/spent so far and pending works likely to be completed?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Central Sector Scheme of Financing Facility under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund was approved by Cabinet on 08.07.2020.

The scheme shall provide a medium - long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management Infrastructure and community farming assets through interest subvention and financial support. The duration of the Scheme shall be from FY2020 to FY2029 (10 years).

Under the scheme, Rs. 1 Lakh Crore will be provided by banks and financial institutions as loans to Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), Marketing Cooperative Societies, Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs), Self Help Group (SHG), Farmers, Joint Liability Groups (JLG), Multipurpose Cooperative Societies, Agri-entrepreneurs, Startups and Central/State agency or Local Body sponsored Public Private Partnership Project.

All loans under this financing facility will have interest subvention of 3% per annum up to a limit of Rs. 2 crore. This subvention will be available for a maximum period of 7 years. Further, credit guarantee coverage will be available for eligible borrowers from this financing facility under Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) scheme for a loan up to Rs. 2 crore. The fee for this coverage will be paid by the Government. In case of FPOs the credit guarantee may be availed from the facility created under FPO promotion scheme of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DACFW). Moratorium for repayment under this financing facility may vary subject to minimum of 6 months and maximum of 2 years.

So far as progress under the scheme is concerned, the operational guidelines of the scheme have been circulated to all States/UTs on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. Various meetings to quickly roll out the scheme have been held by DAC&FW with all States/UTs Governments and other stakeholders. Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with all twelve public sector banks, IDBI and Yes Bank have been signed by DAC&FW. A portal for the scheme has been created. The scheme has been formally launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 09.08.2020, only 30 days after Cabinet formally approved the scheme and the first in-principle sanction of Rs. 1128 Crore was made to over 2,280 farmer societies by NABARD. So far NABARD has received 3055 proposals of PACs through state cooperative banks in 22 states for which in-principle sanction of Rs. 1568 Cr. has been accorded. The details are at **Annexure – A**. The scheme has already been rolled out and doing well as such there is no pending works on part of Government of India.

## Annexure-A

Annexure referred to in reply of part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 266 due for answer on 15.09.2020.

Amount in Rs. Lakh

S.No.	States	No. of Projects	Estimated Project Cost	Estimated Bank Loan
1	Andaman & Nicobar	3	45	34
2	Andhra Pradesh	347	34457	31011
3	Assam	7	296	267
4	Bihar	31	7875	7087
5	Chhattisgarh	123	2214	1968
6	Gujarat	151	6202	5566
7	Haryana	95	3262	2634
8	Himachal Pradesh	20	676	608
10	Karnataka	163	8394	6660
11	Kerala	70	16076	14345
12	Madhya Pradesh	351	12600	12474
13	Maharashtra	309	7959	7163
14	Nagaland	10	147	140
15	Odisha	103	2813	2546
16	Punjab	60	823	719
17	Rajasthan	258	5398	4858
18	Tamil Nadu	201	33500	31000
19	Telangana	207	22287	17830
20	Uttarakhand	102	1850	1655
21	Uttar Pradesh	244	4610	4149
22	West Bengal	200	4598	4086
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>3055</b>	<b>176082</b>	<b>156800</b>

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