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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2529
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH MARCH, 2021

AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

2529. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BAAIYA):
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to make available the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) to APMCs for augmenting their infrastructure facilities, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to integrate 1,000 more mandis with e-NAM which has brought transparency and competitiveness into the agricultural market, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this fund helps in creating cold-chains, warehouses, silos, etc., within the vicinity of farm-gate as it is one of the causes for post harvest losses, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the role of private sector and contribution of the Government in this Scheme;
- (e) whether processing units can also get benefit from this scheme, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether any money has separately been earmarked for APMCs under AIF, if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): Yes Sir.

(c): Yes Sir. AIF provides financial support in terms of Interest Subvention and Credit Guarantee on loans for post harvest management projects like Warehouses, Cold Chains, Silos etc. and building community farming asset projects.

(d) Most of the projects under this scheme will be undertaken by agri-entrepreneurs, FPOs, PACS, farmers etc. with the help of financing facility by commercial banks, NABARD refinancing facility and other NBFCs. Government extends financial support under this scheme in terms of interest subsidy & credit guarantee on the loans.

(e): Yes Sir. Units to create Primary processing infrastructure as per scheme guidelines are eligible under the scheme.

(f): No Sir.

(g): Nodal officers for AIF have been appointed in 31 States / UTs. MoUs with all twelve public sector banks, eleven private sector banks and forty cooperative banks/RRBs have been signed by DAC&FW. A portal for the scheme has been created with URL <https://agirinfra.dac.gov.in>. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund has been converged with Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM), PM-KUSUM, GobarDhan and Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Cooperation (ISAC).
