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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.446**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30TH NOVEMBER, 2021

**STRENGTHENING OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCE MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE**

446. SHRI DULAL CHAND GOSWAMI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any action plan to strengthen the infrastructure of agriculture produce market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the agriculture infrastructure fund is being used to strengthen the Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC), if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री ( SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) &(b): Yes, Sir. In order to strengthen the infrastructure in APMCs, they have been recognized as one of the eligible entities under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund. Under the AIF, APMCs are eligible for multiple projects (of different infrastructure types) within their designated market area.

Further, Government of India has launched National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) Scheme on 14th April, 2016 with the objective of creating online transparent competitive bidding system to facilitate farmers with remunerative prices for their produce. Under the e-NAM Scheme, Government is providing free software and assistance of Rs 75.00 Lakh per mandi for related hardware including quality assaying equipments and creation of infrastructure like cleaning, grading, sorting, packaging and compost unit etc. So far, 1000 mandis of 18 States and 3 UTs have been integrated with e-NAM platform.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The details are as follows:

- Central Sector Scheme of financing facility under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund' was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020.
- The scheme provides following support for creation of post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets;
- Interest Subvention: All loans under this financing facility have interest subvention of 3% per annum up to a limit of Rs. 2 crores. This subvention is available for a maximum period of 7 years. APMCs are eligible for multiple projects (of different infrastructure types) within their designated market area. In such cases, interest subvention for a loan up to Rs. 2 crores will be provided for each project of different infrastructure types e.g. cold storage, sorting, grading and assaying units, silos, etc. within the designated market area of the APMC.

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