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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5076**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026

**FUNDS FOR AIF**

5076. SHRI ANOOP PRADHAN VALMIKI:

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

- (a) the current status of the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) and the total amount of funds sanctioned and disbursed thereunder as on date;
- (b) the total number of projects approved under the said Fund and the extent of employment generated as a result thereof;
- (c) whether the benefits of the said Fund are adequately reaching small and marginal farmers, if not, the steps being taken to improve the same;
- (d) the details of the major infrastructure projects (such as cold storage, processing units, and packaging facilities) funded under the said scheme; and
- (e) the number of beneficiaries who have availed the benefits of the interest subvention scheme so far and the total expenditure incurred by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्यमंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): As on 11.03.2026, for 170241 projects, ₹84502.78 crore has been sanctioned under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) out of which ₹ 62219.10 crore has been disbursed.

(b): As on 11.03.2026, 170241 projects have been approved under AIF. As per the third-party Impact Assessment conducted by the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmadabad, AIF supported units indicate that the aggregate employment generation potential stands at approximately 13.2 lakh direct and 6.2 lakh indirect jobs.

(c) & (d): AIF is designed to benefit farmers, particularly small and marginal farmers, as beneficiaries through eligible entities such as Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), PACS, Cooperatives, SHGs etc. The details of infrastructure funded under AIF are given in the Annexure.

(e): As on 11.03.2026, 148945 beneficiaries have availed the benefits of interest subvention. In this regard, Government has released ₹1431.44 crore towards interest subvention.

## Details of major infrastructure projects sanctioned under AIF

S.N.	Project Type sanctioned	Number
1	Aeroponic Farming	12
2	Assaying units	146
3	Bio stimulant production units	157
4	Cold Stores and Cold Chain	2895
5	Composite Projects	596
6	Custom Hiring Centre	46427
7	Farm/Harvest Automation	28570
8	Hydroponic Farming	84
9	Infrastructure for smart and precision agriculture	3642
10	Integrated Primary and Secondary Processing Unit	1585
11	Logistics Facility	1545
12	Mushroom Farming	381
13	Organic inputs production	644
14	Others	18343
15	Packaging units	466
16	PHM Activities	1754
17	PM KUSUM Component A	341
18	PM-KUSUM Com-B and Com-C	10733
19	Poly House/ Greenhouse	1896
20	PPP projects promoted by Central or their agencies	37
21	PPP projects promoted by Local Govts. or their agencies	13
22	PPP projects promoted by State. or their agencies	97
23	Primary processing Center	26694
24	Ripening Chambers	173
25	Silos	104
26	Sorting & Grading Unit	4316
27	Supply chain infrastructure for clusters of crops	372
28	Supply chain infrastructure for export clusters of crops	18
29	Vertical Farming	4
30	Warehouse	18175
31	Waxing Plants	21
	Total	170241

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