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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1410

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28th JULY, 2026

FUNDS TO HIMACHAL PRADESH UNDER AIF

1410. MS KANGNA RANAUT:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of post-harvest losses in horticulture regions due to inadequate cold storage, processing and supply chain infrastructure and if so, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of number, status of projects and funds disbursed under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise;
- (c) the details of infrastructure created under the scheme, including CA storage, cold chains, pack houses and grading units, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether challenges faced by farmers, particularly small and marginal farmers in hilly areas in accessing institutional credit under the scheme have been assessed, if so, the measures taken thereon;
- (e) whether any special provisions are proposed for Himalayan States; and
- (f) the details of awareness and outreach measures for small and marginal horticulture farmers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्यमंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) : The Government is implementing various schemes to address infrastructure gaps and to strengthen post-harvest infrastructure across the country. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) facilitates medium- to long-term debt financing for creation of post-harvest management infrastructure and viable farming assets, including warehouses, cold stores, pack houses, sorting and grading units, assaying units, primary processing centres, ripening chambers, logistics facilities etc. The Scheme provides 3% interest subvention and credit guarantee support on loans up to ₹2 crore for eligible borrowers, subject to a maximum lending rate of 9% per annum. The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) promotes, holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic & medicinal plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa. The Scheme envisages support for creation of post-harvest management (PHM) and marketing for better price realization of produce. The Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) scheme supports creation and upgradation of scientific storage capacity and other agricultural marketing infrastructure through loan cum back-ended capital subsidy. These interventions strengthen the post-harvest value chain and help reduce post-harvest losses including in horticulture-producing regions.

(b) : Under AIF, since July 2020 till date, total 1,184 projects with a loan amount of Rs. 598.90 crore have been sanctioned in Himachal Pradesh. The district-wise details of projects sanctioned, loan amount, loan disbursed is at Annexure-I.

(c) : The State wise details of the infrastructure created under AIF including storage, cold chains, pack houses and grading units, is placed at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e) : AIF is implemented uniformly across the country, including hilly and Himalayan States, to facilitate access to institutional credit for farmers, including small and marginal farmers, through eligible entities such as Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), Self Help Groups (SHGs), Marketing Cooperatives Societies. An online single-window of AIF Portal has been developed for application submission, approval and monitoring of projects under AIF.

(f) : Under the AIF scheme, outreach activities are undertaken through State Governments, Central Programme Management Unit (CPMU), State Programme Management Units (SPMUs), Banks, NABARD, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Cooperatives, Self Help Groups (SHGs) etc. to inform and educate farmers about the benefits and provisions of the scheme by way of workshops, webinars, Krishi Melas, exhibitions, FPO interactions etc. As part of the outreach, handholding support for project identification, preparation of Detailed Project Report, bank linkage and portal-based application is also provided to prospective beneficiaries.

District - wise detail of Projects sanctioned and Funds disbursed under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) in Himachal Pradesh

S. No.	District	No. of Sanctioned Projects	No. of fully disbursed Projects	Sanctioned loan amount (Rs in crore)	Amount Disbursed (Rs. in crore)
1.	Bilaspur	60	56	30.88	25.95
2.	Chamba	7	5	6.29	3.79
3.	Hamirpur	40	35	16.55	9.35
4.	Kangra	144	128	110.60	68.19
5.	Kinnaur	51	47	8.73	6.12
6.	Kullu	159	156	18.35	9.98
7.	Lahul and Spiti	2	1	0.11	0.03
8.	Mandi	156	150	39.42	31.61
9.	Shimla	333	316	150.09	84.01
10.	Sirmaur	42	39	45.88	21.73
11.	Solan	73	63	64.46	40.24
12.	Una	117	109	107.54	77.54
Total		1184	1105	598.90	378.54

State/UT-wise detail of infrastructure created under the scheme, including CA storage, cold chains, pack houses and grading units

Details of all the sanctioned projects under AIF			
Project State	Total No. of Sanctioned Projects	Total Loan Sanctioned (in Crore)	Total Project Cost (in Crore)
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1	0.30	0.34
Andhra Pradesh	6922	3,699.51	11,572.37
Arunachal Pradesh	6	7.75	21.03
Assam	856	1,144.40	2,148.04
Bihar	2680	1,984.29	3,223.55
Chandigarh	7	11.58	19.94
Chhattisgarh	4261	2,883.55	5,252.17
Delhi	22	27.23	45.88
Goa	42	53.96	84.07
Gujarat	6304	6,545.63	11,041.85
Haryana	11462	5,552.38	9,556.57
Himachal Pradesh	1184	598.90	950.24
Jammu and Kashmir	423	737.30	1,121.81
Jharkhand	753	627.02	989.94
Karnataka	5494	5,093.25	8,137.61
Kerala	5265	1,700.61	2,598.35
Ladakh	1	0.35	0.46
Madhya Pradesh	54632	12,329.55	19,185.05
Maharashtra	17646	10,603.78	18,370.24
Manipur	8	1.61	2.36
Meghalaya	6	17.80	34.60
Mizoram	2	3.07	3.96
Nagaland	7	12.57	16.94
Odisha	6126	2,749.12	4,520.09
Puducherry	15	11.40	17.77
Punjab	36259	8,512.54	13,076.06
Rajasthan	6544	4,895.13	8,123.67
Tamil Nadu	9974	3,617.58	5,465.66
Telangana	4877	5,955.52	10,026.33
The Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	1	1.00	1.61
Tripura	11	16.78	27.36
Uttar Pradesh	16994	9,799.04	16,736.74
Uttarakhand	779	776.71	3,684.74
West Bengal	9264	3,403.15	5,479.82
Grand Total	208,828	93,374.36	161,537.22
