

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3700  
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2000  
AGRICULTURE COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY PARK  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a project proposal on `Agriculture Computer Technology Park` has been submitted to Government by the Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Solapur (Maharashtra);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the estimated cost of the project and the Government's decision thereon;
- (c) whether Government have formulated any centrally sponsored schemes for strengthening IT, creation of data-base and IT network etc, with respect to agriculture for all States and Union Territories;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The projected requirements of funds for Land, Building and Construction, Interior decoration and Furniture, Equipment and Instruments and Basic and Supplementary Requirements of the Park comes to Rs.9202 lakhs. The proposal is under examination.

(c) to (e): A Central Sector Scheme for networking of Agriculture Departments of the States and Union Territories and Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in order to make Agriculture on line for promoting/strengthening informatics in Agriculture is under preparation. The proposed scheme would, inter alia, facilitate development of agricultural informatics and communications for decision support for promoting sustainable agricultural productivity and for making Indian Agriculture on line on a cost-effective manner.