

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AGRICULTURE IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are contemplating to take steps for providing infrastructure for agriculture in rural areas; and
- (b) if so, by when the farmers in Gujarat are likely to get the said facilities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): The Tenth Five Year Plan approved by National Development Council has given major thrust on basic rural infrastructure for agriculture which inter-alia include creation and strengthening of storage/cold storage infrastructure, construction of rural godowns, strengthening of marketing, processing and value addition infrastructure, development of minor irrigation, rainwater harvesting and conservation for the development of rainfed areas through watershed approach.

The Tenth Five Year Plan strategies/thrust areas have been taken into consideration by the Government of India while formulating their schemes on strengthening of rural infrastructure for agriculture in all the States including State of Gujarat.