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FARMERS AGRO SERVICE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether farmers Agro Service Centres have been established by the Government in the country particularly in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the performance of these centers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A statement is annexed.

Annexure

1. Establishment of Farmers Agro Service Centres, State-wise, their functions and performance as reported by State Governments

S.No. Name of State No.of ASCs Functions of ASCs Performance

- 1 Andhra Pradesh 21 - Supply of agricultural equipment Turnover of these centers was at Rs.192.06 lakh against the target of Rs.205.92 lakh during 2001-02 (till October 2001).
- 2 Arunachal Pr 3 - Custom hiring services of agricultural equipment These centers have performed well.
- 3 Assam 82 - Popularisation of agricultural equipment objectives to popularize agricultural equipment. The centres have fulfilled their
- 4 Gujarat 18 - Custom hiring service of the agricultural equipment satisfactorily. Others are making - Repair & Manufacture services efforts to increase their business. Some of the centres are functioning
- 5 Haryana 128 - Custom hiring, supply of agricultural machinery and other inputs centres have either closed or become independent because no assistance was available to them from the Government. From the year 1979-80 onwards these
- 6 Karnataka 16 - Training in repair & maintenance work of agricultural equipment - Supply of agricultural implements that these have been closed down. The State Government has reported
- 7 Kerala 1047 - Custom services of agricultural equipment - Supply of agricultural equipment - Providing remedial services for plant protection, drainage, soil & satisfactory. The performance has been found

water conservation

- 8 Madhya Pradesh 50 - Custom hiring of agricultural equipment The MP State Agro Industries Development Corporation Ltd. informed that most of the centres have been wound up.
- 9 Maharashtra 258 - Custom hiring of agricultural equipment
 - Supply of agricultural implement & providing technical guidance for their use
 - Supply of spares of agricultural implements 130 ASCs could continue the business and remaining have been closed down.
- 10 Manipur 2 - Training of repair & maintenance of agricultural equipment and supply of agricultural inputs
 - Processing of agricultural products The performance of these centres has not been satisfactory during last 2-3 years because of financial constraints.
- 11 Orissa 242 Custom hiring service of agricultural equipment their performance to be satisfactory and encouraging results in terms of repayment of loan.
- 12 Sikkim 6 - Custom services of post harvest operations The performance of the centres has been reported satisfactory.
- 13 Tamil Nadu 418 - Custom hiring of agricultural machinery and repair & maintenance thereof
 - Supply of agricultural inputs
 - Providing related technical services The State Government has reported that ASCs are no more functional.
- 14 Uttaranchal 8 - Supply of agricultural inputs
 - Dissemination of technical know-how
 - Custom hiring services of agricultural equipment
 - Procurement of foodgrains The performance of the ASCs has been reported to be satisfactory.
- 15 West Bengal 450 - Supply of inputs No ASC is functioning at present. However, out of 450 ASCs, 36 are dealing in agricultural inputs as free traders.

2. All the remaining States have informed that no Agro Service Centres (ASCs) have been established therein.