

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF APMCS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal received from the State Government for the revival of Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of Agriculture Produce Marketing Committees in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) the time by which the proposals are likely to be approved; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken for the development of rural marketing in the country especially for the benefit of small and marginal farmers?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The proposal submitted by the State Government of Gujarat seeks financial assistance for infrastructure facilities such as shops-cum-godowns, auction platforms, approach roads, fencing of office building etc. This proposal was forwarded to all State Governments/U.T. Administrations to ascertain their views on the revival of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of Agricultural Produce Markets. The State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Tamil Nadu and Orissa have supported the proposal. The Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli have offered no comments in the matter. The views from the remaining State Governments/U.T. Administrations are still awaited.

(c) and (d): A decision on the revival of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of Agriculture Produce Markets will be taken after necessary consultations are completed.

(e): For the development of rural marketing in the country, especially for the benefit of small and marginal farmers, a new Central Sector Scheme for Agricultural Marketing Information Network is being implemented for bringing about improvements in the present market information system by establishing a nation-wide information network for speedy collection and dissemination of market information/data for their efficient and timely utilisation. Under this scheme, all important Agricultural Produce Markets and State Agricultural marketing Boards/Departments in the country will be linked up through computer network.