

**Primary Marketing Co-operative Societies**

1014. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) the number of primary marketing co-operative societies in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether any effort is being made at the Central level for strengthening and effective functioning of these societies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) As on 31.3.95 there are 8,805 Primary Marketing Co-operative Societies in the Country. The State-wise break up is given in the Statement enclosed.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. The Government is providing financial assistance through National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) to State Government for strengthening of share capital base of the Primary Cooperative Marketing Societies.

**Statement**

S. No.	State/U.Ts.	No. of Societies
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	100
2.	Assam	57
3.	Bihar	475
4.	Goa	8
5.	Gujarat	2,325
6.	Haryana	78
7.	Himachal Pradesh	78
8.	Karnataka	644
9.	Kerala	619
10.	Madhya Pradesh	2,159

1	2	3
11.	Maharashtra	1,035
12.	Manipur	19
13.	Meghalaya	26
14.	Nagaland	19
15.	Orissa	2
16.	Punjab	98
17.	Rajasthan	181
18.	Sikkim	3
19.	Tamil Nadu	221
20.	Tripura	14
21.	Uttar Pradesh	320
22.	West Bengal	280
23.	A & N Island	32
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	3
25.	Delhi	6
26.	Mizoram	3
Total		8,805

Source: NABARD.

**Criteria for Setting up of Krishi Vigyan Kendra**

1015. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the basis on which the location for establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendras has been selected;

(b) whether the opinion of local Members of Parliament has not been taken into consideration while selecting the location; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) The norms fixed by the Govt. for deciding the location of