

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN AGRICULTURE MARKETING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes private participation in marketing of agricultural products;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has identified eight modernize terminal markets in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details alongwith the salient features of these terminal markets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): A national conference of State Ministers held on 19th November, 2004 at Bangalore, considered various options for liberalizing the agricultural marketing system for setting up of professionally managed markets in the country. The Ministry took the initiative in this directions and formulated detailed project reports and invited 'Expression of Interest' from the private/cooperative sectors for establishment of state of art terminal markets at 8 important centers in the country viz. Bhopal, Kolkata, Nagpur, Mumbai, Nashik, Patna, Rai and Chandigarh (Union Territory). The Terminal Markets are to operate on a Hub-and-Spoke Format wherein the Terminal Market (the hub) would be linked to a number of collection centres

(the spokes), conveniently located to allow easy access to farmers for the marketing of their produce. The commodities to be covered by the markets include fruits, vegetables, flowers, aromatics, herbs, meat and poultry. The markets are envisages as alternate competitive markets which would function independently of the existing government regulated markets. The salient features of the identified 8 terminal markets are given in Annexure - I.

ANNEXURE-I

SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSED TERMINAL MARKETS

Feature	Mumbai	Nasik	Chandigarh	Rai	Patna	Bhopal	Kolkatta	Nagpur
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(Haryana)

Area of Market	200	100	100	88	75	59	55	100
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(Acre)

Yearly Handling Capacity (Lac MT)	6.00	3.00	2.25	3.00	2.00	2.00	5.47	2.4
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No. of Collection centres	60	20	20	30	26	25	12	25
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Peak throughou (MT/day)	3000	1500	800	1000	800	1000	1500	800
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Cold Store 15,000 5000 3000 5000 2550 2000 10,000 2000
capacity
(in MT)

Total Project 120.00 59.96 53.68 65.64 59.00 49.62 93.42 54.54
cost (Rs.
in crores)