

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5395
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HALKAN PREMISES
Sai Shri Nand Kumar

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has develop Halkan premises for smooth movement of Agriculture products as reported in Jansatta dated March 16, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop more such centres in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the funds proposed by the Government for the said purpose in the current financial year?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The project in the Halkan premises in Nashik District of Maharashtra is relating to development of a centre for perishable cargo near Ojhar Airport being implemented by M/s CONCOR (a Ministry of Railways undertaking) with the assistance of Agricultural and Processed food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for promoting export of fruits & vegetables. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by APEDA with M/s CONCOR for this purpose in June, 2006. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 2.13 crore and is likely to be completed by September, 2008.

(c) to (e): The information is enclosed.