

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AGRICULTURE MARKETING  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether infrastructure for agriculture marketing in the rural areas of the country is inadequate;
- (b) if so, the schemes evolved by the Government to provide sound agriculture marketing infrastructure in the rural areas of the country particularly in the agricultural dominated States like Haryana; and
- (c) the funds allocated under each scheme, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Agriculture has been implementing various schemes to provide agricultural marketing infrastructure in the rural areas, i.e.

(i) Development/ Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardization

(ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM)

(iii) Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand (TMNE)

(iv) Rural Godown Scheme. Of the above schemes, the scheme of Development/ Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardization, is not applicable to State of Haryana as the State has not introduced required reforms in their State Agricultural Produce Market Committee Act. The state wise release made under the above schemes are at Annexure I to Annexure-IV. In addition to above, State Governments can also take up projects for development of marketing Infrastructure in rural areas under the scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana.