

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MARKET FORECAST FOR AGRICULTURE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide the facility of market forecast to the farmers in the agriculture sector; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**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) & (b): The Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Marketing Research and Information Network since March 2000, with an objective to provide market information on arrival and prices of different agricultural commodities for the benefit of the farmers. So far more than 3000 markets have been covered under the network and market information from more than 1900 markets is disseminated in respect of 300 commodities and 2000 varieties through AGMARKNET Portal based on the information received from different Agriculture Wholesale Markets.