

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE SUPPLY CHAIN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to invite private sector participation in agriculture supply chain, in order to eliminate the existing marketing inefficiency due to multiplayer structure of intermediaries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam.

In order to facilitate adequate investment for development of marketing infrastructure and supply chain including that by the private sector, the Ministry of Agriculture has circulated Model Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) Act (APMC Act) 2003 to all the States/Union Territories for their adoption. The Model Act provides for contract farming, direct marketing, setting up of markets by private and cooperative sectors which is intended to improve the remuneration to the farmers for their produce through provision of efficient supply chain and reduction of intermediation in the marketing system. The Government is providing assistance through various schemes such as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Horticulture Mission, Development/Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardization and Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) for development of marketing infrastructure and supply chain for agriculture commodities.