

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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AGRICULTURAL DIVERSIFICATION

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the agriculture sector in the country lacks back-up support in terms of viable delivery and marketing chains for achieving agricultural diversification in food; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard during each of the last three years?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): At present, there are more than 7000 regulated markets in the country for efficient transaction of the agricultural commodities. Agriculture marketing being a state subject, many states and union territories have enacted Agriculture Produce Marketing Committees (APMC) act for regulation of the Agriculture Produce Markets. The present status of market reforms under APMC act is at Annexure-I.

In order to promote alternative marketing channel and to enhance private investment in the sector, Ministry of Agriculture circulated Model Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) Act in 2003 and the Model Rules framed there under in 2007 for their adoption by the States/UTs so as to enable provisions of direct Marketing, contract farming and setting up of the markets in private and cooperative sectors.

Government of India has also. launched various schemes of development/ strengthening of Agricultural marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardization, Terminal market complex, Rural Godown Scheme, Agriculture Marketing Information Network (AGMARKNET). State wise details of subsidy released during 2007-08 to 2010-11 under development/ strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardization Scheme and Rural Godown Scheme are at Annexure-II (a) and II (b) respectively.