

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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POLICY FOR AGRICULTURE RELATED ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal/draft is under consideration of the Government to develop some model for partnership amongst the Government, private sector and farmers for agriculture and rural development and to ensure the participation of the farmers in formulation of policy pertaining to agriculture related activities like storage, food processing, marketing and research etc.
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be finalised?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): The scheme of Terminal Markets Complex (TMC) have been conceptualized and introduced as a new model under National Horticulture Mission, which is implemented in a Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode in a Hub (Main Market) and Spokes (Collection Centers) format by private enterprise. The project will help the farmers in reaping the benefit through better price realization, reducing wastages and creating opportunities of rural employment in addition to regular supply of agricultural commodities including fruit and vegetables. The Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) has also been promoted by Government which involves private sector and farmers to implement agriculture extension activities.