

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether various State Governments have submitted memoranda to the Union Government to provide market intelligence to the farmers to help them get remunerative prices for their agricultural produce;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the status of the proposal;
- (c) whether a demand has also been made for setting up of units of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) in all the regions to study and solve the problems being faced by the farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Marketing Research and Information Network (MRIN) Scheme 'AGMARKNET' in association with National Informatics Centre (NIC), Directorate of Marketing / State Agricultural Marketing Boards / Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees (APMC's) and Directorate of Marketing and Inspection provides computer connectivity to all the important wholesale markets in the country. The scheme aims to collect and disseminate price, arrival of various agricultural commodities in the wholesale market and market related information. The scheme, launched in 2000-01, connects more than 3000 markets all over the country to the central portal.
- (c) & (d): National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NCAP) under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has not come across such a proposal.