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SETTING UP OF VEGETABLE CLUSTERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up vegetable clusters under the National Agriculture Development Scheme for the sale of vegetables and fruits produced by the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which this system is likely to benefit the farmers;
- (c) the locations where such clusters have been set up as on date or proposed to be set up, State-wise; and
- (d) the number of clusters which are functional at present?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government has launched a scheme on Vegetable Initiative for Urban Clusters (VIUC) during 2011-12 under the aegis of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) to address the issues relating to vegetable production and its marketing in identified cities. The scheme envisages to cover one city in each State capital or any other city with a population of about one million. All aspects of vegetables, starting from conduct of Base Line Survey, mobilization of farmers into Farmer Interest Groups (FIG) and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO), vegetable seed production, cultivation and marketing of vegetables upto the retail level are covered under the scheme.

(c) & (d): The State wise details of the identified metro cities and the number of functional FIG clusters formed therein is given in the statement at Annexure