

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MARKET FORECAST
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes the agricultural sector to the farmers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): At present there is no proposal to provide facility of market forecast in agriculture sector to the farmers. However, with a view to provide market information relating to arrival and prices of major agricultural commodities in the important wholesale market in the country, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Marketing Research and Information Network `AGMARKNET` in association with National Informatics Centre, Directorate of Marketing Boards/Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees and Directorate of Marketing and Inspection. As on date, price information in respect of more than 300 commodities and 2000 varieties are reported on the site. More than 1800 markets are reporting arrival and price at AGMARKNET portal.