

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MODERN TERMINAL `MANDI`
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Modern Terminal `Mandi` in the country to help the farmers realize maximum return for their produce, remove middlemen and ensure lower prices for end consumer;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the likely effect of the proposed `Mandi`; and
- (c) the number and time by which such mandies likely to become operational?

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): Yes, Madam. The revised guidelines for setting up of Terminal Market Complex (TMC) Project for funding under National Horticulture Mission(NHM) Scheme have been issued. The TMC can be set up in the States undertaking reforms in Agricultural Marketing laws. Subsidy up to 40% of Project cost with a floor subsidy of 25% and with a maximum subsidy of Rs. 50 crore, will be offered to Private Entrepreneur for setting up TMC through bidding process to be carried out by the respective States. The land for the TMC will be made available by the respective State Governments.

The TMC will be set up in Hub and Spoke Model, whereby the TMC will be linked to a number of Collection Centers providing forward and backward linkages with the objective of linking farmers to the market effectively for enhancing their income.

(c): Since the scheme is being implemented through State Governments, the number and time period of implementation would depend on the respective States.