

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PADDY DRIER MACHINES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the drier machines are not available adequately in the agriculture markets of the country to dry the paddy;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate action plan to provide proper price of the paddy to the farmers in the markets as they are not given proper price of it on the pretext of wet paddy;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to establish drier machines in all the markets of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (e): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing capital investment subsidy scheme of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) of the Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) which provides subsidy @ 25% of the capital cost for general category and 33.33% for special category beneficiaries for development of various types of marketing infrastructures including dryer machines for paddy. Under this scheme, since October 2004 to October 2014, 11511 various infrastructure projects have been sanctioned. Individuals, Group of farmers/growers/Consumers, Partnership/Proprietary firms Non-Government Organization, Self Help Group, Companies Corporations, Autonomous bodies of Government, Cooperatives, Cooperative Marketing Federations, Local Bodies, Agriculture Produce Market Committees and Marketing Boards are eligible in this scheme for assistance of selected infrastructure projects as per their requirements including installation of paddy drying machines.

The Central Government extends Minimum Support Price (MSP) to paddy to ensure that farmers get remunerative prices for their produce and do not have to resort to distress sale. All the foodgrains conforming to the prescribed specifications offered for sale at specified centres are bought by Food Corporation of India and State Agencies at MSP.