

(b) The new Arhar genotype PADT16 along with six other genotypes developed by different State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) is being tested during Kharif 2016 in National trial of All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Pigeonpea for Extra-early maturity conditions under different agro ecological niches. The decision about its further testing/release for cultivation shall be taken as per the performance in National trial.

Integration of agricultural markets

1157. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are nearly 150 principal market yards and about 110 sub-market yards in Telangana;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to integrate agriculture markets under the National Agriculture Market scheme;

(c) if so, how many of the above markets have been taken up for integration and by when all the 260 plus are going to be integrated; and

(d) the efforts being made to persuade the other States which have not brought amendments to their APMC Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) As per information made available by State Government of Telangana, there are 147 Principal Market Yards and 101 sub-Market Yards as on date.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) So far, 250 markets across 10 States have been integrated with e-NAM. Out of these 44 markets belongs to Telangana. Integration of more markets in Telangana depends on the proposal received from the State and availability of funds.

(d) The Government has already advised all the States/Union Territories for making amendment in their APMC Act to join NAM. The matter has been taken up at appropriate level by the Government through letters and discussion in meeting.

Price protection to farmers growing Kharif crops

1158. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has estimated the output of Kharif crops in Maharashtra and rest of the country, if so, the details thereof;