

Development of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure

1309. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure of the sub-scheme, Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) during the XII Plan period (2012-17) along with the details thereof;

(b) the total number of projects accomplished under AMI sub-scheme during the last four years along with the details thereof;

(c) whether all projects are taken up for improvising the grading, standardization and quality certification of agricultural produces in the country during the last four years; and

(d) the total amount of funds flown via public private partnerships for the development of marketing infrastructure, along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT): (a) The Directorate of Marketing and Inspection, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is implementing a capital investment subsidy sub-scheme titled "Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI)" under Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM). Both erstwhile separate schemes viz. (i) Grameen Bhandaran Yojana (GBY) implemented since 01.04.2001, and (ii) Scheme for Strengthening/Development of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardization (AMIGS) implemented since 20.10.2004, have been subsumed into one scheme known as Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) Scheme *w.e.f.* 01.04.2014.

The Year-wise expenditure under AMI sub-scheme including GBY and AMIGS Schemes during XII Plan period (2012-17) is given as under:-

(₹ in crores)

Year	Total Expenditure
2012-13	419.85 {GBY=244.85, AMIGS=175}
2013-14	596.50 {GBY=344.10, AMIGS=252.4}
2014-15	878.18 (AMI)

Year	Total Expenditure
2015-16	518.81(AMI)
2016-17	672.97(AMI)
TOTAL	3086.31

(b) Under AMI sub-scheme (including erstwhile GBY and AMIGS), a total of 7115 storage godown projects with storage capacity of 23.96 Million MTs and 8322 projects of Marketing Infrastructure (other than storage) have been sanctioned during last four years.

(c) Various Agri Marketing Infrastructure Projects including that of grading, standardization and quality certification of agricultural produces in the country are taken up under AMI scheme. Besides projects relating to grading standardization and quality certification of agricultural produces, following types of agricultural marketing Infrastructure projects are also taken up under this Scheme Functional infrastructure for primary processing and Value Addition; common facilities in the market yard such as auction platform and packaging Unit; Pre-cooling/Cold chain facility; infrastructure for direct marketing of agricultural commodities; mobile infrastructure for post harvest operations; storage Infrastructure; Integrated Value Chain projects.

(d) The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare has not provided exclusive funds for development of marketing infrastructure via public private partnership. However, credit linked back ended subsidy is provided under Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) Scheme of this department for creation of post harvest infrastructure. Under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), assistance is provided to the states for development of post harvest and market infrastructure.

Reasonable price for farmers' produces

1310. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning a dynamic import duty on agriculture commodities based on price of commodity in wholesale market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether such decision will help the farmers to get a reasonable price for the agricultural commodities produced by them?