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STEPS TAKEN TO IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken to improve agricultural infrastructure to produce more, while also conserving and processing agricultural output efficiently to ensure enhance remuneration for farmers and earmark resources for this purpose; and
- (b) the progress made in this regard during the last five years and the current year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The Government has taken a number of steps in order to improve Agricultural infrastructure in the country.

Under Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation (SMAM), assistance is provided for custom hiring centres, creating hubs for hi-tech and high value farm equipments, distribution of various agricultural equipments, to increase the reach of farm mechanisation to small and marginal farmers.

Under Central Sector Scheme of Financing facility under Agricultural Infrastructure Fund (AIF), assistance in terms of interest subvention and CGTMSE guarantee is provided for post-harvest management infrastructure such as cold storage, warehouse, ripening centres etc. and building community farming assets to improve agricultural marketing infrastructure and increase value realisation to farmers.

Under the Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Material (SMSP), financial assistance is provided/ available to establish / strengthen infrastructure facilities for production and distribution of quality seeds, creating facilities of seed cleaning, grading, processing, packing and seed storage.

Funds under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) scheme are released to States Governments on basis of projects approved in the State Level Sanctioning Committee Meeting (SLSC) for infrastructure projects in agriculture and allied sectors.

Various Farm implements, plant protection equipment are being provided to the farmers under National Food Security Mission – Oilseeds and Oil palm (NFSM-OS&OP).

To promote creation of Agricultural Marketing infrastructure including scientific storage infrastructure, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India is implementing sub-scheme “Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI)” of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) across the country. It is a demand driven, credit linked scheme wherein back ended capital subsidy @ 25% and 33.33% is available based on the eligible category of beneficiary. Assistance is available to Individuals, Farmers, Group of farmers/growers, Agri-preneurs, Registered Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs), Cooperatives, and state agencies etc.

Under MIDH scheme financial assistance is provided for setting up of PHN4 Infrastructure for horticultural produce. Financial assistance is provided in the form of credit linked back ended subsidy @ 35% of the project cost in general areas and 50% in case of hilly and scheduled areas. Under MIDH assistance is also provided for setting up of processing units. Further, in order to reduce the number of intermediaries in supply chain of fruits and vegetables from farmers to consumption centres as also to maintain the supply chain and support farmers in selling their perishable produce, scheme for "Creation of Integrated Supply Chain for Fruits and Vegetables in Major Cities" has also been rolled out during 2020-21.

(b). Under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), loan of Rs. 3241.5 crore has been sanctioned to 4792 applications.

In RKVY Scheme, 100 projects worth Rs. 531.50 crore in Cooperation and Cooperative Sector, 245 projects worth Rs. 3780.73 crore in Agriculture Mechanisation Sector, 174 projects worth Rs. 1819.34 crore in Marketing and Post Harvest management Sector and 134 projects worth Rs. 1480.74 crore Micro/Minor Irrigation projects have been taken up by the State Governments for infrastructure activities in the last six years.

During last 6 years total Rs.143.01 crore under SMSP has been released to create 6,13,318.28 MT Seed Processing Capacity and 3,79,411.58 MT Seed Storage Capacity.

Further Rs. 310.20 crore have been released to establish 517 Seed processing – cum – Seed Storage godowns.

Under SMAM total Rs. 4352.28 crores have been released in the last six years.

During the last five years and the current year, a total of 4688 storage infrastructure projects with capacity of 127.47 lakh MT and 1440 marketing infrastructure projects (other than storage) have been assisted under AMI sub-scheme of ISAM.

Details of projects sanctioned and financial assistance sanctioned under MIDH Scheme during the last six years is at **Annexure-A**.

Annexure-A

All India Year wise projects sanctioned under MIDH scheme during 2015-16 to 2019-20 and current Year upto 15.02.2021

(Rs. In lakh)

S. N o.	All India	Cold Storage			Pack house		Integraged Pack house		Pre-Cooling Unit		Mobile pre cooling unit (5 MT)		Primary/ Mobile/ Minimal Processing Units		Refer Van		Ripening Chamber		Granding Packin g Unit		Low Cost onion storage structure (25 MT)		Retail Markets / outlets	
		P	CP	F	P	F	P	F			P	F	P	F	P	F	P	F	P	F	P	F	P	F
1	2015-16	273	999849	46581.02	43534	9233.34	86	567.86	20	98.39	16	138.8	453	1647.73	286	660.16	87	1285.17	42	457.31	2139	1871.64	10	51.8
2	2016-17	193	853376	34578.66	31276	6002.76	148	788.77	21	65.27	14	130	452	1256.87	297	532.77	66	1667.63	62	657.34	2762	2416.76	15	76.36
3	2017-18	235	1069472	44170.73	27442	5168.32	250	942.47	77	66.18	660	445	2148.37	287	153.37	169	921.85	67	695.79	2972	2436.51	17	96.72	
4	2018-19	177	820967	23669.06	30543	5376.53	225	536.39	18	172.98	1	8.75	728	2008.58	215	340.95	51	810.92	14	157.98	10325	8884.38	28	193
5	2019-20	51	346900	9756.83	27645	5025.25	120	426.95	55	179.22	18.75	8.75	474	2272.89	230	301.90	45	901.98	5	42.56	7145	6251.88	34	174.3
6	2020-21	308	158828	6748.93	10790	1899.70	9	152.2	16.38	652.5	0	18	809.05	322	22.45	305	600.8	14	118.46	6581	5757	1	5.25	
	TOTAL	959	4249392	165505.22	17121	32705.90	838	3414.64	734	588.42	4475	398.75	2732	10143.41	132	2011.60	448	6188.39	204	2129.43	31924	27618.17	105	597.41

Source : MIDH Website & Information received from NHB

P – No. of Projects

CP - Capacity in MT

F – Assistance Sanctioned by MIDH
