Creation of Infrastructure in Farm Sector

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In order to abridge the existing infrastructure gaps and mobilize investment in agriculture infrastructure, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) was launched under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package during July 2020. AIF is a medium - long term debt financing facility of Rs. 1 lakh crore to be financed by lending institutions for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets.

All loans under this financing facility will have interest subvention of 3% per annum up to a limit of ₹ 2 crore. Credit guarantee coverage will be available for eligible borrowers from this financing facility under Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) scheme for a loan up to ₹ 2 crore. The fee for this coverage will be paid by the Government. This reimbursement of interest subvention and will be available for a maximum period of 7years. The Scheme is operational from 2020-21 to 2032-33. Tentative State wise allocation under AIF is given in Annexure.

Apart from AIF Scheme, the following schemes are also being implemented for creation of post-harvest management infrastructure and community farm assets.

Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), provides assistance for development of Post Harvest Management (PHM) for perishable horticulture crops which includes establishment of pack house, Integrated pack house, pre-cooling, staging cold room, cold storages, controlled atmosphere (CA) storage, reefer transport, setting up of ripening chambers and Integrated cold chain supply system etc.

For creation of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) including Scientific Storage and to reduce post-harvest and handling losses, 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 an open ended, Demand driven and 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.

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (Infrastructure and Assets): Projects under this stream will emanate from State Agriculture Infrastructure Development Programme (ASIDP). This will normally include projects selected on the basis of normative requirement of in infrastructure, actual availability thereof and the gap in agriculture infrastructure in the state viz. setting up of laboratories and testing facilities, storage including cold-storages, mobile vans, agricultural marketing etc.

Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) is being implemented in DA&FW w.e.f April,2014, which aims at 'reaching the un-reached' by bringing to the small and marginal farmers in the core and giving the benefits of farm mechanization, by Promoting 'Custom Hiring Centers', creating hubs for hi-tech & high value farm equipment, distribution of various agricultural equipment, creating awareness among stakeholders through demonstration and capacity building activities, and ensuring performance- testing and certification at designated testing centers located all over the country.

Under the Mission Organic Value Chain Development for NE Region (MOVCDNER), DA&FW is promoting certified organic production since 2015-16. The scheme provide end to end support to organic farmers from organic production to certification and marketing including post harvest management support like processing, packaging, storage etc. Need based financial support for creating infrastructure facilities like integrated processing unit, integrated pack-house, cold store etc. are provided to States under MOVCDNER

Sl. No.	State	Tentative Allocation (INR Crore)
1	Uttar Pradesh	12831
2	Rajasthan	9015
3	Maharashtra	8460
4	Madhya Pradesh	7440
5	Gujarat	7282
6	West Bengal	7260
7	Andhra Pradesh	6540
8	Tamil Nadu	5990
9	Punjab	4713
10	Karnataka	4525
11	Bihar	3980
12	Haryana	3900
13	Telangana	3075
14	Kerala	2520
15	Odisha	2500
16	Assam	2050
17	Chhattisgarh	1990
18	Jharkhand	1445
19	Himachal Pradesh	925
20	Jammu & Kashmir &Ladakh	900
21	Uttarakhand	785
22	Tripura	360
23	Arunachal Pradesh	290
24	Nagaland	230
25	Manipur	200
26	Mizoram	196
27	Meghalaya	190
28	Goa	110
29	Delhi	102
30	Sikkim	56
31	Puducherry	48
32	A & N Islands	40
33	Daman & Diu	22
34	Lakshadweep	11
35	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	10
36	Chandigarh	9
	Total	1,00,000

This information was given by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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