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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1558
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12TH DECEMBER, 2023

STRENGTHENING OF APMCS

1558. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been taking continuous corrective policy measures to strengthen the Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs) and make them more transparent modern and competitive with the advent of modern digital technologies through improving infrastructure and services provided to the farmers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a high level expert committee has been constituted by the Government while taking astride towards the said initiative to promote inter-mandi and inter-state trades through conceptualization and implementation of market yards of national importance, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the expert committee has submitted its report to the Government?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a): Yes. Government has been always supporting the idea of strengthening of Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) and making them more competitive through improving services and infrastructure. In order to make agricultural trade in Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) markets more competitive and transparent, Government in 2016 launched a scheme namely National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), enabling farmers to digitally access large number of buyers to get remunerative price. On demand basis, Government provides a grant @Rs.75.00 lakh per mandi to the states for strengthening marketing, auxiliary, software infrastructures and other facilities like quality assaying lab, weighing facility, computer, printer, cleaning, grading, packaging facilities and compost unit, etc in the APMC markets expressing interest for integration with the e-NAM portal. Government reviews and improves the e-NAM scheme with the advent of newer digital technology to provide better marketing services to the farmers.

In addition to above, Government also provides assistance to APMCs for infrastructure and value chain development through various schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna - RAFTAAR, Agriculture Market Infrastructure (AMI), Agri. Infrastructure Fund (AIF) etc.

(b) & (c): Yes. In order to promote digital inter-mandi and inter-state trades through conceptualization and implementation of Market -Yards of national Importance (MNI), Government on 21st April, 2023 constituted an Expert Committee. The Expert Committee has submitted its Report to the Government.