

No: SFAC/43/Parl.Qus/2023-24  
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To,

Marketing Officer Group-1,  
Directorate of Marketing and Inspection,  
Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare,  
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare  
HO, Faridabad.

Sub: LSUQ No. 359 (Dv. No. 1017) for 05.12.2023 regarding 'Assistance to Farmers-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to your mail letter dated 28.11.2023 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

S. No	Question	Reply as far as SFAC is concerned
a)	Whether it is a fact that the Central Government is not providing any assistance to farmers of Karnataka and Maharashtra to cultivate, develop, and market agricultural produce	To assist farmers and others stakeholders in marketing of their agricultural produce Government of India has launched National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) since April 2016, and currently 1389 mandis are integrated across 23 States & 4 UTs.  e-NAM is a pan-India electronic trading (e-trading) portal which to networks the existing physical APMCs through a virtual platform to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities. e-NAM is a "virtual" market, but it has a physical market (mandi) at the back end.
b)	If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and	The main objectives of the Scheme are: (i) to expand and consolidate the eNAM through integrating more markets and promoting inter-mandi within State and inter-state trade;  (ii) to focus on Warehouses Based Sale (WBS) and eNWR trade through eNAM;  (iii) to proactively formalize new modules to provide the benefits to the farmers and FPOs.  (iv) to open the eNAM platform beyond APMC/RMC mandis to create further competition and competitive price realization to the farmers ;  (v) to strengthen quality assaying systems and to develop trade reliable grade-standards to promote inter-

		<p>mandi and inter-State e trade; and (vi) To create further demand in market to benefit farmers, along with the primary trade, secondary trade will also be undertaken through eNAM.</p> <p>5 mandis of Karnataka have been integrated on e-NAM. Total traded quantity (MT) was recorded as 1.61 Lakh MT having trade value of Rs. 1058.61 crore till 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023.</p> <p>And 133 mandis of Maharashtra have been integrated with e-NAM. Total traded quantity (MT) was recorded as 39.11 Lakh MT having trade value of Rs. 13757 crore till 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023.</p>
c)	<p>Whether the Government is considering to provide special financial assistance to farmers of Karnataka and Maharashtra for the development of clusters of farmers and if not, the reasons therefore?</p>	<p>Ministry may reply</p>

Yours faithfully,

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