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To,
Under Secretary (Marketing),
Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare,
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2033 regarding "Creation of Infrastructure in Farm Sector"

Sir,

Please refer to your mail letter dated 28.07.2023 on the above subject. In this regard, point wise reply is furnished as below:

Sl. No.	Question	Reply so far as SFAC is concerned
(a)	The measures taken by the Government for creation of necessary infrastructure in the farm sector during the last five years;	<p><u>e-NAM Scheme</u> To facilitate farmers/FPOs etc. to sell their produce electronically, Government of India has launched National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) in April 2016. e-NAM is a pan-India electronic trading (e-trading) portal which seeks to network 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.</p> <p>Following measures have been undertaken to create required infrastructure at e-NAM integrated mandis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DA&FW, GoI provides grant as one-time fixed cost of Rs.30.00 lakh per Mandi for purchase of related equipment / infrastructure such as computer hardware, internet facility, assaying equipment etc. Additionally an amount of Rs. 40 lakh is provided for creation of infrastructures like cleaning, sorting, grading and packaging facilities and Rs 5 Lakh for creation of bio composting unit, to make the mandi ready for integration with e-NAM platform.• A user friendly website (www.enam.gov.in) and robust mobile App have been developed (freely downloadable from Playstore & iOS platform).• Free software is provided to all e-NAM integrated mandis along with a trained staff (mandi analyst) for a initial period of One year to manage day to day operations and hand hold the mandi officials.• Helpdesk support : A toll free No. (1800-2700-224) and email support (enam_helpdesk@gmail.com) is available to enable stakeholders to raise their query.• Online tutorials are available on www.enam.gov.in

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular training of stakeholders (Farmers, Traders, FPOs, Mandi staff etc) are conducted to create awareness and handholding regarding e-NAM portal. <p>Venture Capital Assistance Scheme Under Integrated Scheme of Agriculture Marketing SFAC provides Venture Capital Assistance to Agripreneur to meet the Funding gap in the form of interest free loan the extend of 26% of promoter's equity or Rs. 50 lakh Whichever is lower with the project cost upto Rs 5 Crore. Now this scheme has been discontinued by the ministry since 2022-23.</p>												
(b)	The details of funds allocated for the above purpose, State/UT-wise; and	<p>Details of Funds released under Venture Capital Assistance Scheme during 2018-19 to 2022-23 are as under</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Financial year</th> <th>Venture Capital Assistance (Rs. In Crores)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2018-19</td> <td>130.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019-20</td> <td>80.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2020-21</td> <td>80.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2021-22</td> <td>49.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2022-23</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Financial year	Venture Capital Assistance (Rs. In Crores)	2018-19	130.35	2019-20	80.23	2020-21	80.99	2021-22	49.42	2022-23	-
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(c)	The details of any other financing facilities working for creation of post-harvest management infrastructure and community farm assets?	Ministry may reply												

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Sumathi S)

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