

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1465
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29/07/2022

OPERATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MANDIS IN THE COUNTRY

1465. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

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

- (a) the number of mandis recommended by the National Commission for Agriculture;
- (b) the number of mandis currently functional, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government is taking steps to increase the number of mandis in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): As per the report of the National Commission on Agriculture (1976), Part XII (Supporting services & Incentives), “ The market should not be very far away from the village. It will be ideal if this facility could be created at a place as near as possible and in general within a radius of 5 kms, a distance negotiable by walk or cart within an hour.”

(b): There are a total of 6920 regulated mandis (Principal Market- Yard - 2591 + Sub Market -Yard - 4329) as on 31.03.2021. The state-wise list is given in the **Annexure**.

(c) to (d): Agricultural marketing is a state subject and wholesale agricultural marketing is undertaken by the network of 6920 regulated wholesale markets set up under the provision of respective State Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Act. As provided under the State APMC Acts, mandis are established on representation and demand of the growers and other persons of the area, agricultural production in the catchment area, probable throughput to the proposed mandi to make it economically feasible, etc.

Based on the requests received, Government has been taking various steps to increase / strengthen the number of mandis in the country.

Government has implemented National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) scheme an online virtual trading platform to provide farmers with opportunity for transparent price discovery for remunerative prices for their produce through competitive online bidding system. So far, 1000 mandis of 18 States and 3 UTs have been integrated with e-NAM platform.

Further, Government has been providing assistance to APMCs for infrastructure and value chain development through various schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna – RAFTAAR, Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) and Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) etc.

In order to provide better marketing facilities to the farmers, the Government of India, through pursuance of reforms, has been promoting development of private wholesale /retail markets, direct purchase from farm -gate outside the market –yards, declaring warehouses/silos, cold storages and other such places as deemed mandi.

Annexure**State-wise list of Regulated Markets as on 31.03.2021**

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Principal Market Yards (PMYs)	Sub- Market Yards (SMYs)	Total No. of regulated Markets(Mandis) (C+ D)
A	B	C	D	E
1	Andhra Pradesh	216	111	327
2	Andaman & Nicobar	No APMC Act		
3	Arunachal Pradesh	19	0	19
4	Assam	20	206	226
5	Bihar	No APMC Act		
6	Chandigarh	1	0	1
7	Chhattisgarh	69	118	187
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli(DNH) and Daman & Diu(D&D)	No APMC Act		
9	Goa	1	7	8
10	Gujarat	212	192	404
11	Haryana	114	92	206
12	Himachal Pradesh	10	53	63
13	Jammu	No APMC Act		
14	Jharkhand	28	173	201
15	Karnataka	161	366	527
16	Kerala	No APMC Act		
17	Laddakh	No APMC Act		
18	Lakshadweep	No APMC Act		
19	Madhya Pradesh	259	297	556
20	Maharashtra	306	623	929
21	Manipur	No APMC Act		
22	Meghalaya	2	0	2
23	Mizoram	APMC Act not implemented		
24	Nagaland	19	95	114
25	New Delhi	7	7	14
26	Odisha	54	350	404
27	Puducherry	3	5	8
28	Punjab	152	279	431
29	Rajasthan	144	329	473
30	Sikkim	APMC Act not implemented		
31	Tamil Nadu	284	4	288
32	Telangana	192	87	279
33	Tripura	21	0	21
34	Uttar Pradesh	251	382	633
35	Uttrakhand	24	38	62
36	West Bengal	22	515	537
	Total	2591	4329	6920
