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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 654
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03RD FEBRUARY, 2026

CREDIT SUPPORT TO FARMERS TO ACQUIRE LONG-TERM AGRICULTURAL ASSETS

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

- (a) whether the Government provides credit support to farmers for the creation or acquisition of long-term agricultural assets such as farm machinery, irrigation structures and post-harvest infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the number of beneficiaries supported under such schemes during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise specifically district-wise for Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the total quantum of credit disbursed for long-term agricultural investments under Government-supported credit schemes during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has undertaken any assessment of the gaps or challenges faced by farmers, particularly small, marginal and tenant farmers, in accessing credit for long-term agricultural infrastructure; and
- (e) if so, the details of such findings and the measures taken to enhance credit access for these categories of farmers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c) : The Government of India provides credit support under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) through 3% per annum interest subvention. Credit guarantee coverage for loans up to ₹ 2 crore is also supported under Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) and NABSanrakshan. This support is available to eligible beneficiaries viz. farmers, Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs), Cooperatives, Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), Self Help Groups (SHGs), agri-entrepreneurs start-ups etc for creating post-harvest infrastructure, irrigation structures and farming assets such as custom hiring centers, warehouses, silos, cold storages, pack-houses, sorting and grading units, assaying facilities, solar pumps, primary processing centers, and logistics/supply-chain infrastructure etc. The details of beneficiaries and credit disbursed under AIF over the last three years, year-wise and state-wise, along with district-wise data for beneficiaries in Andhra Pradesh are at **Annexure**.

(d) & (e): AIF has been designed to facilitate access to medium/long term institutional credit to wide categories of beneficiaries including small, marginal and tenant farmers. There is no minimum cap on the loan amount enabling financing of small and need-based infrastructure assets, which are suitable for small and marginal farmers. Further, no collateral of land is required for loans up to ₹2 crore, which significantly benefits tenant farmers and sharecroppers. Government has undertaken a third-party Impact Assessment study which was conducted by Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad to evaluate access to credit, performance of assets and overall outcomes under the scheme. The major findings of the assessment report are as follows:-

- (i) AIF has emerged as a strong platform for accelerating agri-infrastructure development across states. Beneficiaries reported better price realisation driven by mechanisation.
- (ii) Effective engagement with state departments, district agencies, and financial institutions has ensured broad reach and steady expansion of assets.
- (iii) Lending institutions report excellent portfolio performance with NPAs below 3%, and over 97% of supported projects operational, indicating high execution efficiency.
- (iv) AIF generates substantial rural employment. Each unit generates 8–9 direct and 4 indirect jobs, with 12–15% female participation, supporting mid-scale agri-entrepreneurs and promoting inclusive growth.
- (v) Investments in storage, cold chains, processing units and custom hiring centres have improved operational efficiency and enhanced price realisation
- (vi) AIF has strengthened enterprise credibility, skills, and local recognition, fostering agri-entrepreneurship, reducing youth migration, and indirectly enhancing climate resilience through modern infrastructure like cold storage, polyhouses, and hydroponics.

Annexure

The details of beneficiaries and credit disbursed under AIF over the last three years, year-wise and state-wise along with district-wise data for beneficiaries in Andhra Pradesh

Year wise- State wise Beneficiary and credit disbursed (Am Rs in Crore)									
Sr No.	State and UT	2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		Total	
		Beneficiary Count	Am.	Beneficiary Count	Am.	Beneficiary Count	Am.	Beneficiary Count	Am.
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	396	310.42	357	309.55	1362	355.31	2115	975.28
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1	1.51	2	0.92	-	0.00	3	2.44
3	ASSAM	157	205.48	194	245.75	140	136.06	491	587.28
4	BIHAR	435	233.45	409	330.63	752	393.27	1596	957.35
5	CHANDIGARH	1	-	2	1.77	1016	613.39	1019	615.17
6	CHHATTISGARH	325	345.12	513	436.15	1016	613.39	1854	1394.67
7	DELHI	1	0.31	4	6.43	3	7.75	8	14.49
8	GOA	5	1.77	9	3.21	11	22.23	25	27.21
9	GUJARAT	762	662.09	1023	718.88	1498	1270.47	3283	2651.44
10	HARYANA	570	664.32	2061	868.31	3243	1069.16	5874	2601.79
11	HIMACHAL PRADESH	149	37.42	189	51.10	258	62.46	596	150.98
12	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	31	32.65	52	107.01	128	179.36	211	319.02
13	JHARKHAND	90	58.10	112	105.62	194	125.07	396	288.79
14	KARNATAKA	882	814.85	993	864.32	1176	1039.64	3051	2718.80
15	KERALA	687	240.01	954	236.31	1508	299.93	3149	776.26
16	MADHYA PRADESH	2602	1815.98	2864	1402.50	4935	1856.66	10401	5075.14
17	MAHARASHTRA	2502	1407.00	3729	1578.54	3683	1944.41	9914	4929.94
18	MANIPUR	1	0.10	1	0.19	-	0.00	2	0.29
19	MEGHALAYA	2	6.92	-	0.00	1	-	3	6.92
20	NAGALAND	1	1.78	2	1.75	-	0.00	3	3.53
21	ODISHA	303	205.94	965	476.95	1382	607.40	2650	1290.29
22	PUDUCHERRY	1	0.75	1	1.10	4	1.23	6	3.08
23	PUNJAB	2223	619.91	9755	2150.73	10188	1970.66	22166	4741.30
24	RAJASTHAN	536	539.34	1036	697.25	1240	506.11	2812	1742.70
25	TAMIL NADU	2660	669.61	1811	551.85	1185	746.97	5656	1968.43
26	TELANGANA	636	662.38	670	716.27	936	702.69	2242	2081.35
27	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	1	1.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	1	1.00
28	TRIPURA	2	2.18	3	6.40	5	0.59	10	9.17
29	UTTAR PRADESH	1054	941.01	2503	1517.59	5093	2068.61	8650	4527.22
30	UTTARAKHAND	103	109.95	183	126.53	205	178.13	491	414.61
31	WEST BENGAL	757	457.56	1697	537.66	2642	648.84	5096	1644.06
Total		17876	11048.94	32094	14051.28	43804	17419.78	93774	42519.99

Year wise District wise Beneficiary counts of Andhra Pradesh District					
Sr No.	Districts	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
1	Alluri Sitharama Raju	3		5	8
2	Anakapalli	6	7	40	53
3	Ananthapuramu	19	18	66	103
4	Annamayya	3	1	2	6
5	Bapatla	17	17	36	70
6	Chittoor	12	5	11	28
7	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema	12	5	34	51
8	East Godavari	18	23	124	165
9	Eluru	13	10	69	92
10	Guntur	28	14	28	70
11	Kakinada	9	10	61	80
12	Krishna	4	20	85	109
13	Kurnool	11	9	66	86
14	Nandyal	36	31	132	199
15	Ntr	5	10	71	86
16	Palnadu	15	20	41	76
17	Parvathipuram Manyam	17	28	31	76
18	Prakasam	15	9	20	44
19	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore	34	12	55	101
20	Sri Sathya Sai	7	4	23	34
21	Srikakulam	37	43	86	166
22	Tirupati	10	10	25	45
23	Visakhapatnam	5	9	13	27
24	Vizianagaram	34	19	115	168
25	West Godavari	18	12	91	121
26	Y.S.R.	8	11	32	51
Total		396	357	1362	2115
