

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

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TRADING PLATFORM FOR AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS AT NCDEX  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Commodities and Derivatives Exchange of India (NCDEX) provides a trading platform for agricultural commodities;
- (b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to promote hubs to provide this platform to the farmers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): National Commodity and Derivative Exchange (NCDEX) provides trading facilities through its 8000 terminals spread over 540 centres in the country. These facilities can be accessed by clients including farmers through the members of NCDEX. Some of the terminals are located in small towns such as Abohar and Fazilka in Punjab; Bhadurgarh, Sirsa and Fatehabad in Haryana; Moradabad, Shyamli and Banda in Uttar Pradesh; Tonk, Newai, Churu and Pilibenga in Rajasthan; Morena, Mandsaur and Pali in Madhya Pradesh; Gaya in Bihar; Davengere in Karnataka; Guntur and Tenali in Andhra Pradesh; Thrissur in Kerala; Rudrapur and Haldwani in Uttaranchal; Dahod in Gujarat; Akola and Sangli in Maharashtra. NCDEX has also been creating awareness among various stakeholders including farmers to use their facilities.