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■ **Rs 500 Cr Accelerator Fund for Agri Startups Announced**

The Ministry of Agriculture has announced Rs 500 crore accelerator fund for supporting Startups working in the agriculture sector. The fund would be utilized for commercialization and democratisation of innovations and techniques put forth by Startups. Union Agriculture Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has said a separate division for such startups will be created at the Ministry under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary. Currently there are 2000 Agri Startups in the country and the government aims to take this number to 10,000.