

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
MODERN WAREHOUSES IN VILLAGES .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALAGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that storage of foodgrains in villages by farmers has led to losses due to pests, weather, etc.;
- (b) whether there is any scheme to help panchayats or mandals to build modern warehouses with small capitals to store grains in villages; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a):Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. A Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme namely Rural Godown Scheme has been launched by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation since 1.4.2001 with the objectives of creation of scientific storage capacity with allied facilities in rural areas to meet various requirements of farmers for storing farm produce, processed farm produce, agricultural inputs, etc. The project for construction of rural godowns can be taken up by Local Bodies other than Municipal Corporations apart from individuals, farmers, Group of farmers/growers, Partnership/ Proprietary firms, Non-Government Organizations (NGO's), Self Help Groups (SHGs). Corporations, Co-operatives, Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees, Marketing Boards in the entire country. Under the scheme, subsidy @ 25% of the capital cost of the project is provided, subject to a maximum ceiling on subsidy of Rs.46.87 lakh. For the North-Eastern States and Hilly areas, subsidy @ 33.33% of the capital cost of the project is provided subject to maximum ceiling on subsidy of Rs.62.50 lakh.