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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3365**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31/03/2023

**COLD STORAGEES FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

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

- (a) whether cold storages are being built by Government under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) to prevent decay of fruits and vegetables;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether efforts would be made for the same?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Government is implementing various schemes under which financial assistance is available for various horticulture activities including setting up of cold storage for horticulture produce to prevent decay of fruits and vegetables in the country. As per available information, there are 8457 number of cold storages across country. The State/UT-wise details of cold storage are at **Annexure**.

Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) under which financial assistance is provided for various horticulture activities including construction/Expansion/ Modernization of cold storages of capacity up to 5000 MT across the country. The component is demand/entrepreneur driven for which Government assistance in the form of credit linked back ended subsidy is available at the rate of 35% of the project cost in general areas and 50% of the project cost in hilly and scheduled areas through respective State Horticulture Missions.

Besides, National Horticulture Board (NHB) is implementing a scheme namely "Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion /Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Products". Under the scheme, credit linked back-ended subsidy at the rate of 35% of the capital cost of the project in general areas and 50% in case of North East, hilly & scheduled areas for construction/expansion/modernization of cold storage and Controlled Atmosphere (CA) storage of capacity above 5000 MT and up to 10000 MT is

available. In case of North East region, the units with capacity above 1000 MT are also eligible for assistance.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI) is implementing a Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure as one of the component of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana with the objective of reducing post-harvest losses of horticulture and non-horticulture produce and providing remunerative price to farmers for their produce. Under the scheme, Ministry provides financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid at the rate of 35% for general areas and 50% for North East and Himalayan States, ITDP areas and Islands for storage and transport infrastructure and at the rate of 50% and 75% respectively for value addition and processing infrastructure subject to a maximum grant-in-aid of Rs. 10.00 crore per project for setting up of integrated cold chain projects including irradiation facility. Standalone cold storages are not covered under the Scheme.

Further, to strengthen agriculture infrastructure in the country, Government has launched Agriculture Infrastructure Funds (AIF) of Rs. 1.00 lakh crore. Under AIF, there is provision for collateral free term loan upto Rs. 2.00 crore and interest subvention of 3% on the term loan availed for creation of post-harvest infrastructure including establishment of cold storages.

## State/UT- wise details of cold storage across the country as on 26.03.2023

S. No.	Name of the State	Number
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT)	4
2	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	440
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2
4	Assam	43
5	Bihar	312
6	Chandigarh (UT)	7
7	Chhattisgarh	99
8	Delhi	97
9	Goa	29
10	Gujarat	994
11	Haryana	374
12	Himachal Pradesh	84
13	Jammu & Kashmir	83
14	Jharkhand	59
15	Karnataka	236
16	Kerala	201
17	Lakshadweep (UT)	1
18	Madhya Pradesh	312
19	Maharashtra	632
20	Manipur	2
21	Meghalaya	4
22	Mizoram	3
23	Nagaland	5
24	Orissa	181
25	Pondicherry (UT)	3
26	Punjab	737
27	Rajasthan	189
28	Sikkim	2
29	Tamil Nadu	187
30	Telangana	101
31	Tripura	14
32	Uttar Pradesh	2445
33	Uttarakhand	60
34	West Bengal	515
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8457</b>

(Source: Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (DMI) upto 2009, National Horticulture Board (NHB), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH) and MoFPI

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