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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 184**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21/07/2023

**FUNCTIONING OF COLD STORAGE UNITS IN PUNJAB**

184. DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL:

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

- (a) the number of functioning cold storage units in Punjab in 2023 and the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry has any plans to increase the number of Government food processing units and the range of cold storages in Punjab, based on the existing food preservation capacity of the State;
- (c) the number of the components/domains of food preservation; and
- (d) whether the Ministry has launched any schemes, or subsidies to aid farmers, temporarily, until food processing units are set up/functional to cope with the issue of storage?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) As per information received from Government of Punjab there are 644 number of cold storage units functioning in Punjab in 2023. Details are as under :

<b>Sector</b>	Private	Government	Cooperative	PPP	Total
<b>No. of Cold old Storage Units</b>	624	4	14	2	644

(b) to (d) Government is implementing various schemes under which financial assistance is available for establishment of cold storage and food processing units in the country including Punjab. These schemes are entrepreneur/demand driven schemes. The details are as under:

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.

National Horticulture Board (NHB) implements 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) implements a Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain, Food Processing and Preservation Infrastructure as one of the components of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) 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.

As per the information received from Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), a total of 60 projects have been approved under PMKSY for preservation and processing with capacity of 14.053 lakh MT in Punjab.

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