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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2569
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11/08/2023

SHORTAGE OF COLD STORAGE IN BIHAR

2569#. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

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

- (a) whether Government has analyzed the problems faced by the farmers regarding shortage of cold storages in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to increase the number of cold storages in the State of Bihar, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether districts in Bihar have been identified and funds have been allocated for it, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (d): A study was conducted by NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS) in 2015 on “All India Cold-chain Infrastructure Capacity (AICIC-2015)”. The study assessed the required capacity of cold storages at that time as 351.00 lakh MT against the existing capacity of 318.23 lakh MT in 2014 in the country including Bihar.

As per available information, there are 8639 cold storages in the country with the capacity of 393.61 lakh MT as on date. The State-wise details are at **Annexure-I**.

Government is implementing various schemes under which financial assistance is available for setting up of cold storage to increase the number of cold storage throughout the country including Bihar.

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 in the country. The Government assistance for the component 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) 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.

Under MIDH scheme, the component of Post-harvest Management infrastructure including setting up of cold storage are demand/entrepreneur driven through commercial ventures and can be established in any District of Bihar for which Government assistance in the form of credit linked back ended subsidy is available through respective State Horticulture Missions. Under the scheme, funds are provided to State Horticulture Mission (SHM) on the basis of approved Annual Action Plan, requirement of State and availability of resources. The details of fund allocated to the State of Bihar during last three years are as under:

Year	Funds Allocated (Rs. in Crore)
2021-22	33.33
2022-23	33.34
2023-24	32.00

Annexure-I

State wise distribution of Cold Storages as on July, 2023 in the Country

S. No.	Name of the State	Total	
		No.	Capacity (MT)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT)	4	2210
2	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	467	1893071
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2	6000
4	Assam	45	216388
5	Bihar	313	1476557
6	Chandigarh (UT)	7	12462
7	Chhattisgarh	120	553832
8	Delhi	97	129857
9	Goa	29	7705
10	Gujarat	1004	3932193
11	Haryana	380	861670
12	Himachal Pradesh	89	174072
13	Jammu & Kashmir	88	336515
14	Jharkhand	60	248629
15	Karnataka	250	838940
16	Kerala	202	96655
17	Lakshadweep (UT)	1	15
18	Madhya Pradesh	315	1364003
19	Maharashtra	655	1174075
20	Manipur	2	4500
21	Meghalaya	4	8200
22	Mizoram	3	4071
23	Nagaland	5	8150
24	Orissa	182	579321
25	Pondicherry (UT)	4	185
26	Punjab	761	2588686
27	Rajasthan	191	652879
28	Sikkim	2	2100
29	Tamil Nadu	188	399690
30	Telangana	108	541397
31	Tripura	14	46354
32	Uttar Pradesh	2472	15045874
33	Uttrakhand	60	206621
34	West Bengal	515	5948316
		8639	39361193

(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.
