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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-974
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28/07/2023

COLD STORAGE UNDER MIDH SCHEME

974. DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI:

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

(a) whether Government provides loans for setting up cold storages under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any special subsidy is provided by Government to the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) for setting up cold storage, if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c) Government is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) through Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare under which financial assistance is provided for various horticulture activities including construction/Expansion/ Modernization of cold storages across the country. The component is demand/entrepreneur driven for which Government assistance is available in the form of credit linked back ended subsidy.

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.

Under MIDH, for setting up of cold storages, higher rate of subsidy i.e. 50% of the project cost is provided in scheduled areas as compared to 35% in case of general areas. Further, for ensuring funds to be targeted for the benefits of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the funds under MIDH are released for SC/ST in proportion to the population of the respective States as per the Census of India.
