

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2241
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/08/2025

CREDIT ASSISTANCE FOR SETTING UP COLD STORAGE

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

- (a) whether credit assistance has been provided by Government for setting up cold storage under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has assessed the demand and availability of cold storage facilities for fruits and vegetables; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): 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 component of Cold Storage 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 case of NE & Himalayan States, Scheduled areas, vibrant villages, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands through respective State Horticulture Missions.

Under the scheme, assistance is available to individuals, Groups of farmers/ growers/ consumers, Partnership/ Proprietary firms, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmers Producer Organization (FPOs), Companies, Corporations, Cooperatives, Cooperative Marketing Federations,

Local bodies, Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) & Marketing Boards and State Governments.

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 20000 MT is available.

(c) & (d): As per the study conducted by NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS) in 2015 on “All India Cold-chain Infrastructure Capacity (AICIC-2015)”, required capacity of cold storages at that time was 351.00 lakh MT against the existing capacity of 318.23 lakh MT in 2014. As per available information, currently, there are 8815 cold storages in the country with the capacity of 402.18 lakh MT as on date. The State/UT-wise details of Cold Storages are at **Annexure - I**.

State wise distribution of Cold Storages as on 30.06.2025 in the Country

S. No.	Name of the State	No.	Capacity (MT)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT)	4	2210
2	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	480	1996340
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2	6000
4	Assam	45	212662
5	Bihar	316	1490200
6	Chandigarh (UT)	7	12462
7	Chhattisgarh	132	586863
8	Delhi	97	129857
9	Goa	29	7705
10	Gujarat	1023	4042770
11	Haryana	387	886656
12	Himachal Pradesh	89	181318
13	Jammu & Kashmir	96	382564
14	Jharkhand	60	250077
15	Karnataka	271	930379
16	Kerala	202	96655
17	Lakshadweep (UT)	1	15
18	Madhya Pradesh	341	1498651
19	Maharashtra	672	1259932
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	780	2642715
27	Rajasthan	192	661876
28	Sikkim	2	2100
29	Tamil Nadu	188	399690
30	Telangana	117	627131
31	Tripura	14	46354
32	Uttar Pradesh	2489	15101408
33	Uttarakhand	62	206848
34	West Bengal	517	5952997
		8815	40218862

(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
