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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2423**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13/03/2026

**STATUS OF COLD STORAGE FACILITIES IN ASSAM**

2423. MS. SUSHMITA DEV:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that vegetable farmers in Assam are facing significant losses due to inadequate cold storage facilities and dependence on middlemen;
- (b) The number, location and operational status of cold storage units established in Assam by Government and private sector in the State;
- (c) Whether Government is aware of the large price gap between farm-gate rates and urban market prices for vegetables such as potatoes, cauliflowers, green peas and tomatoes; and
- (d) Whether Government has considered implementing alternative mechanisms, including mini cold storages, direct procurement or market linkages, to protect farmers from distress sales?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

- (a): State Government of Assam has reported that during the Rabi season, the production of vegetables in Assam often exceed the market demand and farmers are often compelled to sell their produce immediately after harvest, which results in lower farm-gate prices. On the contrary, during the summer season, when demand exceeds local production, farmers generally receive premium prices for their produce.
- (b): As per the information received from the State Government of Assam, as on date 49 cold storages with a total capacity of 2.45 lakh MT have been established in Assam. The details are at **Annexure-I**.
- (c) & (d): Price variations between farm-gate prices and retail prices of vegetables such as potatoes, cauliflower, green peas and tomatoes may occur due to factors such as transportation, storage, handling costs and the involvement of intermediaries in the supply chain. The Government has taken several steps to protect farmers from distress sale and to improve marketing of perishable horticultural produce, which are as follows:

i) To provide remunerative price to the farmers Government of India implement Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), a component under Pradhan Mantri Annadata Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities, which are perishable in nature and are not covered under the Price Support Scheme (PSS). The objective of intervention is to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of a bumper crop during the peak arrival period when the prices tend to fall below economic levels. The scheme is implemented at the request of a State/UT Government, which is ready to bear 50 percent of the loss (25 percent in case of North-Eastern States), if any, incurred on its implementation.

ii) Government has introduced a new component of Price Differential Payment (PDP) under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) from 2024-25 season for direct payment of the price difference between the Market Intervention Price (MIP) and the selling price to the farmers of perishable crops. States/UTs have an option to choose either to do physical procurement of the crop or to make the differential payment between the MIP & Sale Price to the farmers.

iii) In addition, from 2024-25 season, Government added another component under Market intervention scheme for reimbursing the Storage and Transportation cost of TOP crops (Tomato, Onion and Potato) to central nodal agencies & state designated agencies for transporting them from the producing state to consuming states in the interest of the farmers.

iv) Further, under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), assistance is provided for creation of post-harvest infrastructure such as cold storages, pack houses, integrated pack houses, refrigerated transport, cold room (Staging) and solar powered cold room to strengthen supply chains, improve market linkages, reduce post-harvest losses and protect farmers from distress sales. This scheme is demand/entrepreneur driven through commercial ventures for which government assistance is in the form of credit linked back ended subsidy/grant-in-aid and is provided based on the proposals received from the States/entrepreneur.

v) Further, to strengthen Agriculture Infrastructure in the country, Government has launched Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) of Rs 1.00 Lakh Crore. Under AIF there is a provision for collateral free term loan up-to Rs 2.00 Crores and interest subvention of @ 3 % on the term loan availed for creation of Post-Harvest Infrastructure including establishment of Cold Storages. Till date 12 Cold Stores under AIF Scheme have been sanctioned for the state of Assam for a sum of Rs 33.46 Crores.

**Annexure-I**

**Annexure-I referred in reply to part (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2423 for Answer on 13.03.2026 regarding “Status of cold storage facilities in Assam”**

**The Details of Cold Storages in the State of Assam as on date**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name &amp; Location</b>	<b>Capacity of Storage (MT)</b>
1	Mushalpur Cold Storage at Baska	5000
2	Himalaya Cold Storage at Vill. : Damaka, P.O. : Sarbhog, Barpeta	10000
3	M/s. Sorbhog Cold Storage at Barpeta	2500
4	M/S. Key Dee Cold Storage Pvt. Ltd. at Silchar	5000
5	Maa Tara Cold Storage, at Silchar, Cachar	5600
6	Maa Tara Cold Storage at Nahata Bld., Dewan Ji Bazar, Silchar, Cachar	5600
7	M/s. Lalit Cold Storage (P) Ltd. at Meherpur, Silchar -788015	5000
8	M/s. Chirang Logistics Co. (P) Ltd at P.O. : Kajalgaon, Chirang	7500
9	M/s Kharupetia at Darrang	5000
10	M/s Chilapathar at Dhemaji	2000
11	M/s Krishna Cold Storage at Goalpara	6165
12	M/s. North East Cold Storage at Bapuji Nagar, Badalimari, Goalpara	4420
13	M/s. Balaji Cold Storage at Ikaranigaon, Dergaon, Golaghat	3600
14	M/s. Dey Cold Storage Pvt. Ltd. at Hailakandi	5000
15	M/s. Dey's Cold Storage, Unit-II at Silchar Road, Hailakandi	5100
16	M/s Shree Niwas Cold Storage at Vill. Buragaon, Kaki, Hojai	9964
17	M/s Hanuman Spices & Herbs Pvt Ltd, at Jorhat	5000
18	M/s Singimari at Kamrup	2000
19	M/s Chhaygaon at Kamrup	5000
20	M/S Reliable Cold Storage, Pvt. Ltd. at Changsari, Kamrup, Guwahati	5000
21	M/s Kamrup Cold Storage at Kamrup	12222
22	M/s Kamrupa Thanda Ghar at Vill. : Soarpara, Mouza : Chayani of Palasbari, Mirza, Kamrup, Guwahati	5000
23	M/s. Krishna Cold Storage (Unit of M/s. Jai Kamakhya & Associates), at Mouza : Silasinduri Ghopa, Old IIT Road, Vill. : Gauripur, Kamrup, North Guwahati	6500
24	M/s Shubham Himghar at Vill. : Peneri, P.O. : Chayygaon, ASIDC Food Park, Kamrup	4150
25	M/s Sri Shyam Cold Storage at Palashbari Road, Vill. : Saopara, Kamrup	11800
26	M/s Eden Cold Storage at Khanapara, Kamrup (M), Guwahati	2400
27	M/s N. E. Cold Storage Pvt. Ltd, Lokhora, Kamrup (M) Guwahati	5000
28	M/s Horizon Progressive Agro Pvt. Ltd., Patgaon, Azara, Kamrup (M)	1500

29	M/s Krishna Associates, 6 <sup>th</sup> Mile, Narengi Road, Panjabari, Kamrup (M), Guwahati	2520
30	M/s Dharampal Satyapal Ltd, Vill. : Mirzapur, Ramcharani, Azara, Kamrup (M), Guwahati	8141
31	M/s Karimganj (Dey's Cold Storage) at Karimganj	2000
32	M/s Sutarkandi at Karimganj	2000
33	M/s Barak Cold Storage, Badarpurghat, Karimganj	5000
34	M/s Raha at Nagaon	2000
35	M/s Assam Valley Cold Storage Pvt. Ltd., Jogijan Road, Hojai, Nagaon	5400
36	M/s Rajasree Cold Storage, Nagaon	4817
37	M/s Hojai Cold Storage at Nagaon	5000
38	M/s Hojai Cold Storage at Nagaon	5371
39	M/s Indra Prasthad Cold Storage Pvt. Ltd. at Tezpur, Sonitpur	4000
40	M/s Soniti Prava Cold Storage at Bihali, Sonitpur	5300
41	M/s Gingia Cold Storage at Gingia, Sonitpur	2500
42	M/S. Mahabir Cold Storage Pvt. Ltd. Unit-I at Tinsukia	7000
43	M/S Mahabir Cold Storage Pvt. Ltd. Unit-II at Tinsukia	5000
44	M/s Karnitara Cold Storage Pvt. Ltd. Makum Road at Tinsukia	5000
45	M/s Geen Field Cold Storage at Panitola, Tinsukia	5285
46	M/s Riddhi Siddhi Freezing & Storage at Vill. : Patia Pathar, Tinsukia	5200
47	M/s Routa Cold Storage at Udalguri	5000
48	M/S F.M. Food Processing and Agro based Industries, Gosaisatra, Golagaht	5000
49	M/s Mirigaon Cold Storage, No. 1 Mirigaon, Karunabaru Dev. Block, Lakhimpur	1000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>245555</b>

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