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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 756
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH FEBRUARY, 2017

POST HARVEST LOSSES

756. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the post-harvest losses in the country has reduced or increased during the last two years and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the details of the increase or decrease in rural storage facilities during the said period?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering & Technology (CIPHET) has conducted two studies on Assessment of Quantitative Harvest and Post-Harvest Losses of Major Crops and Commodities in India and reports published in 2012 and 2015. The details of percent storage losses from 2005 to 2013-14 are Annexed.

The study of 2015 estimated that quantum of quantitative harvest and post harvest losses of fruits and vegetables were in the range of 6.70% to 15.88% (fruits) and 4.58% to 12.44% (vegetables).

The reduction in storage losses can be attributed to better storage technologies, facilities and other harvest practices.

(b): During last two years i.e. 2014-15 and 2015-16, an additional storage capacity of 10.98 Million MT has been created under Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), sub scheme of Integrated Scheme of Agricultural Marketing (ISAM).

The details of storage losses in respect of major crops/commodities

Crops/ commodities	Overall storage losses (%), 2005-07	Overall storage losses (%), 2013-14
Paddy	1.30	0.86
Wheat	1.30	0.86
Maize	1.30	0.75
Bajra	1.00	0.79
Sorghum	1.10	1.21
Pulses		
Pigeon Pea	2.00	1.67
Chick Pea	0.90	1.18
Black Gram	1.10	1.18
Green Gram	1.40	1.24
Oilseeds		
Mustard	0.50	0.22
Cottonseed	0.60	0.54
Soybean	0.40	1.00
Safflower	0.40	0.44
Sunflower	0.60	1.61
Groundnut	1.00	0.95
