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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2499 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND JANUARY, 2018

COLD STORAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

2499. DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:

SHRI SUBHASH PATEL:

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ‡ãoŠãaÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ¨ããè be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a grant-in-aid of 35 per cent of the total cost is provided for installation of cold storage infrastructure, including transport, plant, machinery and technical civil works in general areas to the interested farmers in the country particularly to small and marginal farmers and farmer's self-help groups; and
- (b) if so, the total number of farmers and farmer's self-help groups benefited from the scheme in the country during the last three years, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Government of India is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and Pradhan Mantri Kissan SAMPADA Yojana under which assistance is available for establishment of cold storage/cold chain and refrigerated transport vehicle projects.

Credit linked back ended subsidy of 35% in general areas and 50% in hilly and scheduled areas for capital cost of project which includes plant & machinery and technical civil works is available. Under these schemes assistance can be availed by individuals, group 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 (APMC) & marketing boards and State Governments.

The component of cold storage under these schemes is project based and entrepreneur driven. The storage facilities are used by farmers on rental and price arbitrage models. The number of farmers using these facilities varies from place to place, crop to crop and season to season.
