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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH AUGUST, 2018

COLD STORAGE

3245. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

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

- (a) the criteria adopted by the Government for establishing cold storages in various States of the country particularly to benefit the small and marginal farmers in their area of produce;
- (b) the number of such cold storages established by the Government in Gujarat;
- (c) whether these cold storages have proper connectivity by road/rail and other modes of transports, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether these cold storages are operating on no-profit no-loss basis for the benefit of small and marginal farmers; and
- (e) if so, the details of such cold storages and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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

(a): Government does not establish cold storages on its own. However, Government is providing financial assistance and fiscal incentive for creation of cold storages to States.

Under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) 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 and schedule areas is available for various components of post-harvest infrastructure, including cold storage with capacity upto 5000 MT.

Under National Horticulture Board (NHB), 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 and schedule areas is available for various components of post-harvest infrastructure, including cold storage with capacity above 5000 MT upto 10000 MT. However in case of North East region the capacity above 1000 MT is also eligible under NHB scheme.

Further, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI) is implementing Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana to provide integrated cold chain and preservation infrastructure facilities. Under this scheme, Ministry provides financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid at the rate of 35% for general area and at the rate of 50% for North East & Himalayan States subject to a maximum grant-in-aid of Rs. 10.00 crore for setting up integrated cold chain projects with cold storage as one of the component.

(b): There are 890 cold storages with capacity of 3.51 million MT have been established in Gujarat under Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (upto 2009), National Horticulture Board (NHB), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) & Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI).

(c): The component is demand/ entrepreneur-driven. The entrepreneurs, private companies, cooperatives, farmers groups etc through commercial ventures setup cold storages and are eligible to get credit linked back ended subsidy. Since setting up of cold storages is a commercial venture, various aspects including connectivity by road/rail & other modes of transport are given due consideration by the entrepreneur undertaking such projects.

(d) & (e): There is no tariff fixation by government in cold storages and prices are determined by market forces.
