

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
 DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
 LOK SABHA
 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 449
 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th JUNE, 2019
 GOVERNMENT GODOWNS

†449. SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:
 SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the districts in Bihar where Government Godowns are available for storing foodgrains and vegetables;
- (b) the policy of the Government regarding setting up of godowns for storing foodgrains and vegetables;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there are still no Government Godowns available in many districts in the State;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
 (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e): All 38 revenue districts of Bihar have Government owned/hired godowns.

The requirement of storage capacity is assessed based on which storage capacities for Central Pool Stock of foodgrains are created/hired under various schemes of the Government like Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme, construction of steel silos and Private Warehousing Scheme (PWS).

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India implements a Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for development of horticulture in the country to reduce wastage of perishable products, which also includes assistance for development of Post Harvest Management (PHM). PHM component includes establishment of cold storages, cold rooms, pack house, pre-cooling units, controlled atmosphere storage, reefer vans, primary/mobile processing units, integrated pack house, ripening chambers etc.

Further, PHM component is a demand driven intervention from among entrepreneurs, private companies, cooperatives, farmer groups etc., through commercial ventures, for which assistance @ 35% of admissible project cost in general areas and @ 50% in hilly and scheduled areas is available as credit linked back ended subsidy through respective State Horticulture Missions. Under this scheme, as on 31.03.2019, a total number of 309 cold storages of 14.38 Lakh MT capacity have been sanctioned in Bihar.