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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.501
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JUNE, 2019

COLD STORAGE FOR BANANAS

501. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any request from the State Government of Tamil Nadu or farmers union to set up a Banana cold storage warehouse and Banana Research Centre in Thotiyam, Musiri, Kulithalai and Lalkudi in Tamil Nadu where banana is cultivated in large quantity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Banana cold storage warehouse and Banana Research Centre in Thotiyam, Musiri, Kulithalai and Lalkudi would be set up;
- (c) if not, whether the Government would consider such proposal for implementation in future;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total number of Banana cold storage warehouses and Banana Research Centres functioning in the country as on date, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): No such request has been received by Union Government.

National Research Centre for Banana is already functioning under ICAR at Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu which is very near to Banana clusters like Thotiyam, Musiri, Kulithalai and Lalkudi and the centre provides support to the banana growers.

Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for development of Horticulture in the country, which includes assistance for development of Post Harvest Management (PHM) including establishment of cold storages, pack house, pre-cooling units, controlled atmosphere (CA) storage, reefer vans and setting up of ripening chambers etc.

The component is demand/ entrepreneur-driven from among entrepreneurs, private companies, cooperatives, farmers groups etc through commercial ventures for which government assistance is available in the form of credit linked back ended subsidy.

No cold storage specifically for storing Banana has been sanctioned under MIDH. However, State – wise details of cold storage sanctioned under MIDH in the country is at **Annexure – I.**

State – wise details of Banana Research Centres functioning in the country is at **Annexure – II.**

State - wise distribution of cold storages as on 31.03.2019

| Name of state | Number | Capacity (MT) |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT) | 3 | 810 |
| Andhra Pradesh & Telangana | 458 | 1867238 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 2 | 6000 |
| Assam | 38 | 168096 |
| Bihar | 309 | 1437767 |
| Chandigarh (UT) | 7 | 12462 |
| Chhattisgarh | 99 | 487262 |
| Delhi | 97 | 129857 |
| Goa | 29 | 7705 |
| Gujarat | 956 | 3790311 |
| Haryana | 356 | 819625 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 71 | 135221 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 56 | 188115 |
| Jharkhand | 58 | 236680 |
| Karnataka | 212 | 615053 |
| Kerala | 199 | 81705 |
| Lakshadweep (UT) | 1 | 15 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 302 | 1287079 |
| Maharashtra | 604 | 985142 |
| Manipur | 3 | 7100 |
| Meghalaya | 4 | 8200 |
| Mizoram | 3 | 3971 |
| Nagaland | 4 | 7350 |
| Odisha | 177 | 566321 |
| Pondicherry (UT) | 3 | 85 |
| Punjab | 688 | 2282626 |
| Rajasthan | 176 | 596014 |
| Sikkim | 2 | 2100 |
| Tamil Nadu | 174 | 350518 |
| Tripura | 14 | 46354 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 2376 | 14545618 |
| Uttarakhand | 47 | 162821 |
| West Bengal | 510 | 5935416 |
| Total | 8038 | 36770637 |

(Source: Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (DMI) up to 2009, National Horticulture Board (NHB), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for NE & Himalayan States (HMNEH) and Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)

State – wise details of Banana Research Centres in the country

| S. No. | State | Name of the Centre |
|--------|----------------|---|
| 1. | Tamil Nadu | ICAR – National Research Centre for Banana, Thogamalai Road, Thayanur Post, Tiruchirapalli - 620 102 |
| 2. | | Dept. of Pomology, Horticultural College & Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore – 641 003. |
| 3. | Kerala | Banana Research Station, Kerala Agricultural University, Kannara, Thrissur – 680 652 |
| 4 | Andhra Pradesh | Agricultural Research Station, Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University, Kovvur – 534 350. West Godavary Dist. |
| 5 | Bihar | Faculty of Agriculture, Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur – 848 125. |
| 6. | Maharashtra | Banana Research Station, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Nimkhedi Road, Jalgaon – 425 001 |
| 7. | Assam | Faculty of Agriculture, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat – 785 013. |
| 8. | West Bengal | Faculty of Horticulture Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwa Vidyalana, Mohanpur, Nadia – 741 252. |
| 9. | Karnataka | KRC College of Horticulture University of Horticultural Sciences, Arabhavi - 591310. Belgaum Distt. |
| 10. | Gujarat | Faculty of Horticulture, Navsari Agricultural University, Gandevi - 396 360 |
| 11. | Orissa | Dept. of Fruit Science, College of Agriculture, Orissa Agricultural University Bhubaneswar – 751003 |
