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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3224**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2023

**DECENTRALIZED STORAGE CAPACITY**

3224. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:  
SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:  
SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:  
MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that farmers are facing innumerable difficulties for want of proper storage facilities to store their agricultural produces, if so, the details thereof and the measures taken thereon;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to implement a plan to set up massive decentralized storage capacity to help farmers to store their produce and realize remunerative prices through sale at appropriate times;
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be setup and the progress made till date along with the details of funds sanctioned, utilized or to be utilized in the country till now, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has identified places for the above purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details of the places identified in the States of Assam and Rajasthan?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): Realizing the need for proper storage facilities to the farmers, Government of India is promoting scientific storage facilities for the farmers in the country to improve their holding capacity through various schemes viz. Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) Sub-Scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana-Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) Scheme, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) etc.

Government is implementing Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), a sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) across the country including Assam and Rajasthan. Under the scheme, subsidy at the rate of 25% for plain areas and 33.33% for NER, hilly area is available for beneficiaries viz, Farmers, Individuals, Group of farmers/growers, Agri-preneurs, Registered Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Cooperatives, and state agencies etc. for development of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Projects including storage infrastructure. AMI is demand driven, credit linked, back ended subsidy scheme. However, publicity of the scheme is directed towards the places where there is shortage of storage facilities vis-à-vis surplus production, including in Assam & Rajasthan. Since inception of scheme i.e. 01.04.2001 and up to 28.02.2023, a total of 42,138 storage infrastructure projects (Godowns) were implemented in majority of the States in the country, with a storage capacity of 74.08 Million MT have been sanctioned, and a subsidy of Rs. 3,440 crore has been released. The State-wise progress of storage infrastructure including in Assam & Rajasthan is at Annexure-I.

Experiencing the need of smaller storages closer to farm-gate in decentralized manner, Government has been focusing on construction of smaller sizes of such godowns starting from the capacity of 50 MT, which is within the economic reach of the small and marginal farmers. Such approach would benefit the farmers as envisaged by reducing the storage and other losses and getting the remunerative prices through sale at appropriate time.

Government is also implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) under which financial assistance is provided for various horticulture activities including construction/Expansion/ Modernization of cold storages of capacity up to 5000 MT in the country. The component is demand/entrepreneur driven for which Government assistance in the form of credit linked back ended subsidy is available at the rate of 35% of the project cost in general areas and 50% of the project cost in hilly and scheduled areas through respective State Horticulture Missions. As per available information, there are 8457 number of cold storages in the country including the State of Assam & Rajasthan. The State/UT- wise details of cold storage including the State of Assam & Rajasthan are at Annexure-II. Under MIDH scheme, funds are allocated and released to States on the basis of Annual Action Plan (AAP) received from the States, based on the availability of their resources and requirement of States. State-wise releases of funds under MIDH including establishment of cold storages is at Annexure – III.

Besides, National Horticulture Board (NHB) is implementing a scheme namely “Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Products”. Under the 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 & scheduled areas for construction/expansion/modernization of cold storage and Controlled Atmosphere

(CA) storage of capacity above 5000 MT and up to 10000 MT is available. In case of North East region, the units with capacity above 1000 MT are also eligible for assistance.

Further, Government is implementing a Central Sector Scheme Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) of Rs. 1,00,000 Crore to provide a medium-long term loan facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest market infrastructure including warehousing facility and community farming assets through interest subvention and financial support. Under the scheme, a total number of 9215 applications for warehouse facilities have been sanctioned for a total amount of Rs. 8610 Cr which includes sanction of 36 warehouse facilities in the State of Assam for an amount of Rs. 32.7Cr. and 474 warehouse facilities in the State of Rajasthan for an amount of Rs. 417 Cr.

**Annexure-I**

State- wise Progress of Storage Infrastructure as on 28.02.2023 including Assam & Rajasthan

<b>State- wise Progress of Storage Infrastructure as on 28.02.2023</b>				
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>No. of Projects Sanctioned</b>	<b>Capacity Sanctioned (MT)</b>	<b>Subsidy Released (Rs. in Crore)</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	1453	5846347	296.85
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1	945	0.06
<b>3</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>1080013</b>	<b>68.53</b>
4	Bihar	1097	738432	31.92
5	Chhattisgarh	602	1963066	74.14
6	Goa	1	299	0.01
7	Gujarat	12050	5149404	295.14
8	Haryana	2252	6860631	392.32
9	Himachal Pradesh	88	30826	1.81
10	Jammu & Kashmir	15	88027	7.10
11	Jharkhand	263	216708	8.62
12	Karnataka	4686	3974814	195.59
13	Kerala	211	108063	5.51
14	Madhya Pradesh	4988	14982793	780.40
15	Maharashtra	3771	7264914	303.88
16	Meghalaya	17	26012	2.20
17	Mizoram	4	705	0.06
18	Nagaland	36	26887	3.54
19	Odisha	699	1030100	42.41
20	Punjab	1764	6825893	236.87
<b>21</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>1622</b>	<b>3195535</b>	<b>110.48</b>
22	Tamilnadu	1208	1445309	52.49
23	Telangana	905	5165899	260.02
24	Tripura	5	28764	2.97
25	Uttar Pradesh	1192	5628280	181.40
26	Uttarakhand	292	789618	35.00
27	West Bengal	2565	1619834	50.94
	<b>Total</b>	<b>42138</b>	<b>74088118</b>	<b>3440.26</b>

## Annexure-II

### State/ UT- wise details of cold storage including the State of Assam & Rajasthan in the country as on 03.03.2023

S.No.	Name of the State	Number
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands(UT)	4
2	AndhraPradesh&Telangana	440
3	ArunachalPradesh	2
<b>4</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>43</b>
5	Bihar	312
6	Chandigarh(UT)	7
7	Chhattisgarh	99
8	Delhi	97
9	Goa	29
10	Gujarat	994
11	Haryana	374
12	HimachalPradesh	84
13	Jammu&Kashmir	83
14	Jharkhand	59
15	Karnataka	236
16	Kerala	201
17	Lakshadweep(UT)	1
18	MadhyaPradesh	312
19	Maharashtra	632
20	Manipur	2
21	Meghalaya	4
22	Mizoram	3
23	Nagaland	5
24	Orissa	181
25	Pondicherry(UT)	3
26	Punjab	737
<b>27</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>189</b>
28	Sikkim	2
29	TamilNadu	187
30	Telangana	101
31	Tripura	14
32	UttarPradesh	2445
33	Uttrakhand	60
34	WestBengal	515
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8457</b>

(Source: Directorate of Marketing and Inspection(DMI) upto 2009, National Horticulture Board (NHB),National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH)) and MoFPI

**Annexure-III****State-wise release of funds under MIDH in AAP including establishment of cold storages****(Rs. in Crore)**

<b>StateImplementingAgency</b>	<b>2019-20 Releases(Gol)</b>	<b>2020-21 Releases(Gol)</b>	<b>2021-22 Releases(Gol)</b>
AndhraPradesh	79.38	95.00	50.00
ArunachalPradesh	12.50	8.00	4.40
<b>Assam</b>	<b>79.16</b>	<b>45.00</b>	<b>27.00</b>
Bihar	15.15	15.87	9.60
Chhattisgarh	68.44	85.00	63.00
Goa	1.50	0.00	0.60
Gujarat	63.50	30.00	87.18
Haryana	64.91	89.32	46.00
HimachalPradesh	23.15	20.00	11.00
Jammu&Kashmir	64.99	72.18	67.75
Jharkhand	10.00	10.00	0.00
Karnataka	107.40	113.66	54.00
Kerala	10.00	10.00	28.00
MadhyaPradesh	25.99	27.00	0.00
Maharashtra	82.35	63.50	18.63
Manipur	26.50	25.30	10.94
Meghalaya	9.10	7.25	8.60
Mizoram	22.58	40.00	6.75
Nagaland	23.60	26.00	11.70
Orissa	49.00	11.00	11.00
Punjab	10.00	22.50	8.22
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>
Sikkim	22.84	19.85	10.93
TamilNadu	93.02	114.73	75.00
Telangana	0.00	16.15	0.00
Tripura	20.00	10.00	9.00
UttarPradesh	62.35	64.16	32.00
Uttarakhand	22.32	45.00	22.00
WestBengal	8.06	10.00	0.00
A&NIslands	1.00	0.30	0.53
Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dadra&NagarHaveli	0.25	0.00	0.00
Daman&Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00
Delhi	0.25	0.00	0.00
Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00
Puducherry	1.50	1.40	0.00
Ladakh	0.00	15.00	25.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>1105.79</b>	<b>1143.17</b>	<b>709.65</b>

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