

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2185
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND AUGUST, 2023**

WASTAGE DUE TO INSUFFICIENT STORAGE

2185. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that huge amount of agricultural produce is wasted due to storing issues, if so, the steps that have been taken so far by the Government;
- (b) the wastage of agricultural produce both in volume and value in the last five financial years due to poor facility of storage;
- (c) the total requirement of cold storages in the country and list of the existing number of such facilities, State-wise;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to close the deficit, if there is a shortage of facilities; and
- (e) the plans envisaged to build new cold storage facility in Odisha?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a) and (b): No wastage of central pool foodgrain stocks (wheat & rice) stored in godowns can be directly attributed to storing issues/poor storage facility.

(c) to (e): Under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for holistic development of horticulture sector including setting up of cold storages for perishable horticulture produce throughout the country including Odisha. The component of cold storage 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 eligible project cost in general areas and at the rate of 50% of the eligible project cost in hilly and scheduled areas through respective State Horticulture Mission(s) (SHMs). As per study conducted by NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS) in 2015 on "All India Cold-Chain Infrastructure Capacity (AICIC-2015)" assessed the required capacity of cold storages at that time as 351.00 lakh MT against the existing capacity of 318.23 lakh MT in 2014.

As on date, total 8,639 cold storages are in the country with the capacity of 393.62 lakh MT. The State-wise details are enclosed at Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2185 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 02.08.2023 IN LOK SABHA

The State-wise details on the Cold Storages in the Country are as under:

S. No.	Name of the State	Total	
		No.	Capacity (MT)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT)	4	2210
2	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	467	1893071
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2	6000
4	Assam	45	216388
5	Bihar	313	1476557
6	Chandigarh (UT)	7	12462
7	Chhattisgarh	120	553832
8	Delhi	97	129857
9	Goa	29	7705
10	Gujarat	1004	3932193
11	Haryana	380	861670
12	Himachal Pradesh	89	174072
13	Jammu & Kashmir	88	336515
14	Jharkhand	60	248629
15	Karnataka	250	838940
16	Kerala	202	96655
17	Lakshadweep (UT)	1	15
18	Madhya Pradesh	315	1364003
19	Maharashtra	655	1174075
20	Manipur	2	4500
21	Meghalaya	4	8200
22	Mizoram	3	4071
23	Nagaland	5	8150
24	Odisha	182	579321
25	Pondicherry (UT)	4	185
26	Punjab	761	2588686
27	Rajasthan	191	652879
28	Sikkim	2	2100
29	Tamil Nadu	188	399690
30	Telangana	108	541397
31	Tripura	14	46354
32	Uttar Pradesh	2472	15045874
33	Uttrakhand	60	206621
34	West Bengal	515	5948316

(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.
