

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 238
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2023

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR SETTING UP COLD STORAGES

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

- (a) the total number of cold storages currently operational and under construction across the country;
- (b) whether there is still a huge shortage of the said cold storages in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a comprehensive plan to set up more/new cold storages across the country to meet the growing demand;
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken for the purpose in the identified States; and
- (e) whether, keeping in mind the large scale of Orange Production in Wardha and Amravati districts of Maharashtra, the Government proposes to set up any cold storages there and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 238 FOR 19TH DECEMBER, 2023 REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR SETTING UP COLD STORAGES.

(a) & (b): As per the study conducted by NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS) in 2015 on “All India Cold-chain Infrastructure Capacity (AICIC-2015)”, required capacity of cold storages at that time was 351.00 lakh MT against the existing capacity of 318.23 lakh MT in 2014. As per available information, currently, there are 8653 cold storages in the country with the capacity of 394.17 lakh MT. The State/UT-wise details of Cold Storages are at **Annexure**.

(c) & (d): Government is implementing various schemes under which financial assistance is available for setting up of cold storage for perishable horticultural produce throughout the country.

Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is 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 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 project cost in general areas and 50% of the project cost in hilly and scheduled areas through respective State Horticulture Missions.

Under the scheme, assistance is available to individuals, Groups of farmers/ growers/ consumers, Partnership/ Proprietary firms, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmers Producer Organization (FPOs), Companies, Corporations, Cooperatives, Cooperative Marketing Federations, Local bodies, Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) & Marketing Boards and State Governments.

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.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) implements a Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain, Food Processing and Preservation Infrastructure as one of the components of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) with the objective of reducing post-harvest losses of horticulture and non-horticulture produce and providing remunerative price to farmers for their produce. Under the scheme, Ministry provides financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid at the rate of 35% for general areas and 50% for North East and Himalayan States, ITDP areas and Islands for storage and transport infrastructure and at the rate of 50% and 75% respectively for value addition and processing infrastructure subject to a maximum grant-in-aid of Rs. 10.00 crore per project for setting up of integrated cold chain projects including irradiation facility. Standalone cold storages are not covered under the Scheme.

(e): The component of cold storage under MIDH scheme is demand/entrepreneur driven. Under MIDH, funds are allocated to States for implementing the scheme including establishment of cold storage on the basis of Annual Action Plans (AAPs) prepared by the States based on their requirement and availability of resources. The MIDH scheme is being implemented throughout the country including Wardha and Amravati District of Maharashtra. As per information received from the State Government of Maharashtra, one cold storage having capacity of 4993 MT is established in Amravati District under MIDH.

Annexure

State wise distribution of Cold Storages in the Country (as on 20.11.2023)

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	1014	3974593
11	Haryana	382	867884
12	Himachal Pradesh	89	174072
13	Jammu & Kashmir	89	341515
14	Jharkhand	60	248629
15	Karnataka	250	838940
16	Kerala	202	96655
17	Lakshadweep (UT)	1	15
18	Madhya Pradesh	315	1364003
19	Maharashtra	656	1176499
20	Manipur	2	4500
21	Meghalaya	4	8200
22	Mizoram	3	4071
23	Nagaland	5	8150
24	Orissa	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	Uttarakhand	60	206621
34	West Bengal	515	5948316
	Total	8653	39417231

(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
