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COLD STORAGE FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS

1951. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state the details of financial assistance provided by the Government to establish cold storage facilities in rural areas?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

The Government is implementing various schemes under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of cold storages throughout the country including rural areas.

Schemes under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of cold storages in the country are as follows:

i) Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH):

Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) under which financial assistance is provided for various horticulture activities including setting up of cold storages. 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% (for general areas) and 50% (for hilly and scheduled areas) of eligible capital cost of the project for both public and private sector enterprises. As on 31.12.2019 financial assistance of Rs. 3341.16 crore have been approved under MIDH to established cold storage facilities in the country including rural areas.

ii) Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY):

Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing the Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure as one of the component of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) with the objective of reducing post-harvest losses of horticulture & 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 35% for general areas and 50% for North East States, 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 of Rs.10 crore per project for setting up Integrated Cold Chain projects including Irradiation facility. Standalone cold storages are not covered under the Scheme.

As on 31.12.2019 financial assistance of Rs. 2409.65 crore have been approved under MoFPI to established cold chain projects with cold storage facilities in the country including rural areas.
