

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 667**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**AQUA INDUSTRY**

667. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री ) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that the aqua industry is facing shortage of cold storage facilities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the cold storage facilities in the country?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री ( श्री पीयूष गोयल )  
THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) (b) & (c) : Yes Sir, the Government of India, has taken note of shortage in the cold chain facility, especially in primary production centres, and has taken several measures to improve the cold storage facilities availability for aqua industry.

The Department of Fisheries, Government of India, is implementing a new flagship programme, the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), with the objective of overall development of fisheries sector in the country, including development of cold storages. Department of Fisheries, is also implementing a scheme namely the “ Fisheries & Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF)”, for providing interest subvention support on financial assistance, including for cold storage facility. In addition, the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has been providing financial assistance for setting up cold storage for fish and fishery products.

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