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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3373
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH MARCH, 2021

ASSISTANCE FOR COLD STORAGE

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

- (a) whether the Government has provided any assistance during the last three years to establish cold storage in order to protect fruits and vegetables from decaying in Andhra Pradesh, particularly in Rayalseema districts of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the above said assistance, year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Government is implementing various schemes under which financial assistance is provided to establish cold storages in order to protect fruits and vegetables from decaying throughout the country including Andhra Pradesh.

Department of Agriculture Cooperation and 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% of the project cost in general areas and at the rate of

50% of the project cost in hilly and scheduled areas. The scheme is available for all States/UTs including the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing the Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure as one of the component of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana 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 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 grant-in-aid of Rs. 10 crore per project for setting up integrated cold chain projects including irradiation facility without any break from the farm gate to the consumer. Standalone cold storages are not covered under the Scheme. The scheme is available for all States/UTs including the State of Andhra Pradesh.

District wise data for setting up of cold storage is not maintained centrally. However, details of assistance provided to the State of Andhra Pradesh under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Horticulture Board (NHB) and Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) during last three years are as under:

Year	Project	Assisted amount (Rs. in Lakh)	Capacity (in MT)
2017-18	4	1706.2	18760
2018-19	2	192.36	17357
2019-20	5	1020.47	57164
Total	11	2919.03	93281
