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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3410**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021

**SHORTAGE OF GODOWN AND COLD STORAGE**

3410. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of godowns and cold storages in North-Eastern States including Assam;
- (b) if so, the details of godowns and cold storages in the country;
- (c) the action plan being formulated by the Government to increase their capacity; and
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any time limit in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): A study on All India Cold-chain Infrastructure Capacity (AICIC-2015) carried out by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) consultancy service (NABCONS) assessed a total requirement of 1.32 Lakh Metric Ton (MT) capacity of cold storage for perishable fruits and vegetables in North Eastern States including Assam. Currently, there is 2.56 Lakh MT capacity of cold storages available in the North Eastern States which includes 1.78 Lakh MT in Assam.

Ministry of Agriculture & 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 for increasing cold storage capacity. 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.

Currently, 37.42 million MT capacity of cold storage has been established in the country.

Moreover, in order to promote creation of scientific storage infrastructure including other Agricultural Marketing infrastructure, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India is also implementing a sub-scheme “Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI)” of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) across the country with North eastern states including Assam. It is credit linked scheme wherein back ended capital subsidy @ 25% for plain areas and 33.33% for North East Region, hilly area, Women/SC/ST promoters & Farmer Producer Organizations etc., is available based on the eligible category of beneficiary.

Since inception of the AMI sub-scheme which includes the erstwhile Grameen Bhandaran Yojana (GBY), a total of 39,928 storage infrastructure projects (Godowns) with storage capacity of 68.20 million MT have been assisted across the country.

Both the aforesaid schemes are demand driven under which assistance is provided based on the technical feasibility and financial viability of the project. Hence, no time limit has been fixed.

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