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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4564
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23RD MARCH, 2021

CAPACITY OF COLD STORAGE PLANTS

4564. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

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

- (a) the number and average holding capacity of cold storage plants in Jharkhand, especially in the district of Ranchi as on date;
- (b) whether farmers in Jharkhand often face heavy losses in vegetables, especially tomato, due to lack of sufficient storage plants; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to protect the farmers?

ANSWER

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): As per report received from Government of Jharkhand, total number of cold storages in Jharkhand is 47 with average holding capacity of 5084 MT. In Ranchi, there are 6 active cold storages with average holding capacity of 4692 MT.

(b) & (c): No such report has been received from Government of Jharkhand. However, Government is implementing various schemes under which financial assistance is provided to establish cold storages in order to reduce post-harvest losses of perishable fruits and vegetables throughout the country including Jharkhand.

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 Jharkhand.

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 Jharkhand.
