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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3540

TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th AUGUST, 2021

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COLD STORAGE AND
GODOWNS**

†3540. SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL (BAKABHAI):

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any representation from the States seeking financial assistance for the construction of cold storage and godowns; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): No sir. However, Government is implementing various schemes under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of cold storages and godowns throughout the country.

Department 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 through State Governments. 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.

Besides, National Horticulture Board (NHB) is implementing a scheme namely “Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion /Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Products”. It is a demand/entrepreneur driven, credit linked and back ended subsidy. Under the scheme, credit linked back-ended subsidy at the rate of 35% of the capital cost of the project in general areas and 50% in case of North East, hilly & scheduled areas for construction/expansion/modernization of cold storage and controlled atmosphere (CA) storage of capacity above 5000 MT and up to 10000 MT is available. In case of North East region, the units with capacity above 1000 MT are also eligible for assistance.

Further, in order to promote creation of Scientific Storage infrastructure and Marketing infrastructure (other than Storage), the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India is implementing sub-scheme “Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI)” of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) across the country. It is demand driven, credit linked, back ended subsidy scheme. Subsidy support @ 25% and 33.33% is available for beneficiaries viz. Farmers, Individuals, Agripreneurs, FPOs, Cooperatives, state agencies etc.

During the last three years, 266 projects for setting up of cold storage with financial assistance of Rs. 416.00 crore have been assisted under MIDH and NHB schemes. Further, during the last three years, 35 projects for setting up of warehouse/godowns with financial assistance of Rs. 2.13 crore have been assisted under the AMI scheme.
