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TO BE ANSWERED ON 07th DECEMBER, 2021

COLD STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE NORTH-EASTERN REGION

1431. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

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

- (a) the number of Government cold storage facilities in the North Eastern Region, State-wise;
- (b) the steps taken to enhance the functioning of cold storage facilities in Meghalaya; and
- (c) the funds allocated for the same, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Government is implementing various schemes to enhance the cold storage facilities in the country including North-Eastern Region including Meghalaya:

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. The component is demand/ entrepreneur-driven from among entrepreneurs, private companies, cooperatives, farmers groups etc through commercial ventures for which assistance at the rate of 35% of admissible project cost in general areas and 50% in hilly and scheduled area is available as credit linked back ended subsidy.

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 under which 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, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI) is implementing a Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure as one of the components 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 and Himalayan States, Integrated Tribal Development Programme (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. Standalone cold storages are not covered under the Scheme.

The State wise distribution of cold storages in North Eastern Region including Meghalaya under these schemes is at **Annexure – I**.

(c): These schemes are demand/entrepreneur driven, for which financial assistance is provided as per availability of funds and resources. Under MIDH scheme, funds for various components including cold storage are allocated to States on the basis of Annual Action Plans (AAPs) received from State Governments, availability of resources and requirement of States. The details of funds earmarked by North Eastern States in their Annual Action Plan for establishment of cold storage during last three years and current year are at **Annexure – II**.

Annexure - I**State wise distribution of Cold Storages in North Eastern States
(as on 30.09.2021)**

S. No.	Name of the State	Number of cold storage	Capacity (MT)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	2	6000
2	Assam	41	197096
3	Manipur	2	4500
4	Meghalaya	4	8200
5	Mizoram	3	4001
6	Nagaland	3	7150
7	Sikkim	2	2100
8	Tripura	14	46354
	Total	71	275401

[Source: Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (DMI) upto 2009, National Horticulture Board (NHB), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH) & Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)]

Annexure - II

**State wise funds earmarked by North Eastern States in their
Annual Action Plan for establishment of cold storage during Last
Three years (2018 - 19 to 2020 - 21) and Current year (2021 - 22)**

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	State	Funds earmarked by NE States in AAPs for Cold Storage
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	112.50
2.	Assam	1900.00
3.	Manipur	50.00
4.	Sikkim	100.00
5.	Tripura	490.00

Note: Funds are allocated based on the proposals in the form of Annual Action Plans (AAPs) received from the State Governments.
