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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1506

TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2021

COLD STORAGE

1506. SHRI RAJU BISTA:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cold storage facilities established across the country in the past three years including those established from Union Government funds, State-wise;
- (b) the details of cold storages established in the country from the grants provided by the Union Government, State-wise during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to launch a scheme for providing grants for establishing cold storages for agricultural crops, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the cold storage facilities in the districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduars, and Cooch Behar in North Bengal region; and
- (e) the details of Central Government Schemes under which local FPOs and SHGs can apply for setting up of cold storage facilities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): Government does not set up cold storage of its own. However, Government is implementing various schemes under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of cold storage facilities in the country including West Bengal.

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 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 MantriKisanSampadaYojana 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.

Under these schemes Cold Storage/Cold chain can be set up by entrepreneurs, groups of entrepreneurs, private companies, cooperatives, farmers groups, Farmers Producer Organization (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs) etc through commercial ventures.

The State wise details including West Bengal for setting up of cold storages under these schemes and Financial Assistant provided in the past three years and current year are at **Annexure – I**.

District wise information on cold storages is not maintained centrally.

Annexure-I**State wise distribution of Cold Storages during 2018-19 to 2021-22
(up to 30.09.2021) in the Country**

S. No.	Name of the State	Total	
		Number	Financial Assistance (Rs in Lakhs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	39	22122.83
2	Andaman & Nicobar	1	1000.00
3	Assam	4	1167.18
4	Bihar	6	2831.47
5	Chhattisgarh	1	269.82
6	Gujarat	99	19150.65
7	Haryana	15	8905.14
8	Himachal Pradesh	16	7413.54
9	Jammu & Kashmir	16	8589.70
10	Karnataka	19	8493.77
11	Kerala	2	2000.00
12	Madhya Pradesh	13	7724.04
13	Maharashtra	15	8961.79
14	Nagaland	2	1541.00
15	Odisha	2	2000.00
16	Punjab	49	9155.89
17	Rajasthan	20	4870.19
18	Tamil Nadu	16	7222.82
19	Telangana	15	6766.83
20	Uttar Pradesh	72	14564.98
21	Uttarakhand	9	8816.00
22	West Bengal	5	4223.00
	TOTAL	436	157790.64

(Source: National Horticulture Board (NHB), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH) & Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)
