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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 373
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30th NOVEMBER, 2021

STORAGE IN RURAL AREAS

373. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has implemented Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure scheme under which assistance has been provided for construction and renovation of godowns, etc. in rural areas of all States including Bihar to enhance the storage capacity for agriculture products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the action taken by the Government during the last three years for creating more storage facilities in Bihar particularly in the district of Gopalganj;
- (d) whether the Government has proposed to construct sufficient storage facilities in Bihar including in Gopalganj district considering the demands of farmers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. For creation of Agricultural Marketing infrastructure including Scientific Storage, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India is implementing sub-scheme "Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI)" under Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) across the country including rural areas of all states including Bihar.

Under the scheme, assistance is available to Individuals, Farmers, Group of farmers/growers, Agripreneurs, Registered Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs), Cooperatives, and state agencies etc. It is a credit linked scheme wherein back ended capital subsidy @ 25%(for general category) and 33.33%(for women/SC/ST and Tribal & Hilly areas) is available based on the eligible category of beneficiary.

Under the AMI Scheme, since 2001 and up to 30.09.2021, a total of 40,985 storage infrastructure projects (Godowns) with a capacity of 708.67 Lakh MT have been

provided in the country, including 1086 projects in the State of Bihar with a capacity of 7.06 Lakh MT.

(c) to (e): During the last three years, a total of 87 storage infrastructure projects with capacity of 1.92 Lakh MT have been assisted in Bihar State under AMI Scheme. Further, since 2001, a total of 72 projects with capacity of 8075 MT capacity were assisted in Gopalganj District alone. However, during the last three years, there were no applicants under the scheme.

Further, a Central Sector Scheme, 'Agriculture Infrastructure Fund' was launched by the Government on 9th August 2020 which provides interest subvention and credit guarantee support for creation of post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets, including storage facilities. Till date, a total of Rs. 13.8 Crore loan amount has been sanctioned for storage projects in Bihar under the above scheme.
