STORAGE FACILITIES FOR FARMERS

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

(a) whether the storage facilities provided by the Government to the farmers in the country are sufficient;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating provision of additional storage facility specially in Rajasthan;

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(e) if not, the reason thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): The Government of India is providing storage facilities through creation of Agricultural Marketing infrastructure including Scientific Storage for farmers by implementing “Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI)”, a sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) across the country including rural areas. It is a credit linked scheme wherein back ended capital subsidy @ 25% and 33.33% is available based on the eligible category of beneficiary. Assistance is available to Farmers, Group of farmers/growers, Individuals, Agripreneurs, Registered Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs), Cooperatives, state agencies etc.

The scheme is demand driven, therefore, no State/UT-wise allocation has been made. However, since inception, a total of 41,001 storage infrastructure projects (Godowns) with capacity of 709.00 Lakh MT have been assisted in the country benefitting number of Agri-preneurs including farmers, out of which, a total of 1585 projects, with storage capacity of 30.98 Lakh MT in Rajasthan have been assisted under AMI sub-scheme of ISAM.

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