

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4435  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022**

**MODERN STORAGE FACILITIES AT BLOCK LEVELS**

**4435. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:**

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has drawn any action plan to create modern storage facilities at grass root and block levels for essential commodities as these have the potential to increase farmers income;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is laying emphasis on coverage and aggregation of all storage infrastructure in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**A N S W E R  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

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(a) to (d): Creation of block level storage is Government priority and State Governments are reviewing block level storage infrastructure at their level. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution has not drawn up any action plan at present. However, Ministry has requested the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to hold meetings with the state and other stakeholders (like National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) etc.) to inform the States of details of various schemes offered by various Ministries/organizations.

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