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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2636
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2nd August, 2022

ADEQUATE STORAGE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE

2636. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to provide adequate storage facility for agricultural produce and if so, the action taken thereon;
- (b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that farmers are facing difficulties due to lack of storage facility and if so, the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to construct sufficient storage facility in the country considering the demands of farmers;
- (d) if so, the location-wise details thereof particularly in Jharkhand and Rajasthan; and
- (e) the details of the action taken by the Government during the last three years for making more storage facilities for agricultural produce?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): The Government is implementing Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), a sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) under which assistance is provided for construction/ renovation of godowns/ warehouses in the rural areas in the States to enhance the storage capacity for agriculture produce. Under the scheme, Government provides subsidy at the rate of 25% and 33.33% on capital cost of the project based on the category of eligible beneficiary. Assistance is available to Individuals, Farmers, Group of farmers/growers, Agripreneurs, Registered

Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Cooperatives, and state agencies etc. The scheme is demand driven.

Since 01.04.2001 and up to 30.06.2022, a total of 41,452 storage infrastructure projects (Godowns), with storage capacity of 725.7 Lakh MT for beneficiaries including farmers have been assisted under AMI sub-scheme in the country.

Since 01.04.2001 to 30.06.2022, a total of 37 projects assisted with capacity created of 1.83 Lakh MT in the State of Jharkhand and 1599 projects assisted with capacity created of 31.43 Lakh MT in the State of Rajasthan.

Further, Government has approved a Central Sector Scheme of financing facility viz., Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) of Rs. 1,00,000 Crore to provide a medium-long term loan facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest market infrastructure including warehousing facility and community farming assets through interest subvention and financial support. Under the scheme, a total number of 9516 applications for warehouse facilities have been sanctioned for a total amount of Rs. 7618 Cr which includes sanction of 14 warehouse facilities in the State of Jharkhand for an amount of Rs. 9.9 Cr. and 550 warehouse facilities in the State of Rajasthan for an amount of Rs. 371.8 Cr.

In the last three years, a total of 2314 projects have been assisted with capacity created of 64.32 Lakh MT under AMI scheme of ISAM.
