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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2712
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND AUGUST, 2022

POST-HARVEST STORAGE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE

2712. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that post-harvest storage of agricultural produce is a big problem in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to tackle the situation?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): 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.

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.
