

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2372
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06/08/2024**

Implementation of World's Largest Grain Storage Plan

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Will the Minister of COOPERATION (सहकारिता मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementing the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan;
- (b) the States/UTs in which the pilot project for this initiative is being carried out;
- (c) the specific timelines and budget allocations for the implementation of these grain storage plan;
- (d) whether there are any particular strategies being employed to ensure the quality and safety of the stored grains and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether there are specific provisions or plans for enhancing grain storage capacity in the Bhiwani-Mahendergarh Lok Sabha constituency and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)**

(a) to (e): The Government on 31.5.2023 has approved the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector, which has been rolled out as a Pilot Project for creation of decentralized storage capacity and other agri infrastructure at PACS level, such as processing units, custom hiring centres, etc. over a period of 5 years through convergence of various existing schemes of the Government of India (GoI), such as, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Scheme (AMI), Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME), etc. The Plan is being implemented by utilizing the approved outlays under existing GoI schemes being converged at PACS level.

Under the Pilot Project of the Plan, construction of godowns has been completed in 11 PACS of 11 States- Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Assam, Telangana, Tripura and Rajasthan, with the support of NCDC, NABARD & NABCONS. The Pilot Project is also being extended in around 500 additional PACS on the basis of proposals being received from the State/ UT Governments. The State of Haryana has shared a list of 11 PACS willing to participate in the project including one PACS namely Kari Dharni PACS in Kari Dharni village which comes under Bhiwani-Mahendragarh Lok Sabha constituency.

The infrastructure developed under this project is of modern technology, able to withstand all types of weather conditions, thereby ensuring quality and safety of the stored foodgrains. Further, godowns being constructed under the Plan are compliant of the standards set by the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA), including the following:

- i. Adequate arrangement for locking of godowns and safety/ security of stocks.
- ii. PACS warehouses (up to 500 MT capacity) having at least one fire extinguisher and six fire buckets.
