GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5040 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1ST APRIL, 2025

SCHEME TO PROTECT FARMERS FROM POST-HARVEST LOSS

5040. SHRI ABHAY KUMAR SINHA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is running any special scheme to protect the farmers' crops from post-harvest loss in Bihar, if so, the district-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is providing financial assistance or subsidy to farmers for better storage and processing of crops after harvesting, if so, the details of the financial assistance or subsidy provided during the last five years; and
- (c) whether the Government contemplates to impart training to farmers on post-harvest technology and bio-preservation techniques to reduce losses of agricultural produce, if so, the details of the scheme along with the number of farmers trained under the same?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): For creation of Agricultural Marketing infrastructure including scientific storage, "Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI)" sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) is being implemented, including in Bihar.

To support protection from post-harvest losses, since inception of the scheme, District wise details of godowns & capacity sanctioned and subsidy released in Bihar is attached as **Annexure-I**.

(b) & (c): AMI is a capital investment, open ended, demand driven and credit linked scheme, wherein back ended subsidy @25% and 33.33% is available based on the eligible category of beneficiary. State-wise details of the subsidy released to storage & processing units during the last five years under AMI Scheme is attached as **Annexure-II**.

Additionally, under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), post-harvest management including cold chain development is supported. Under Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) training are imparted to farmers including those related to, post-harvest management, post-harvest handling, value addition & storage techniques. During 2014-15 to 2024-25 (upto 13th March, 2025), under the ATMA scheme, overall 1.43 croe farmers have been trained, which will include post-harvest also. However, details of farmers trained topic-wise are not maintained centrally.

Annexure-I Bihar - District wise information of AMI Storage projects since inception

	Name of District	No. of Godowns Sanctioned	Capacity Sanctioned (in MT)	Subsidy Released (in Rs.)	
1	Araria	17	48288.43	32016995	
2	Arwal	NIL	NIL	NIL	
3	Aurangabad	4	4651.16	3891300	
4	Banka	NIL	NIL	NIL	
5	Begusarai	53	157384.92	92458950	
6	Bhagalpur	5	6040.63	2452800	
7	Bhojpur	6	10464.80	5130000	
8	Buxar	3	7155.80	5844250	
9	Darbhanga	9	9268.23	6614900	
10	East Champaran	2	7719.50	2669200	
11	Gaya	1	2400.00	2533700	
12	Gopalganj	2	2333.43	1016000	
13	Jamui	1	2139.78	1586000	
14	Jehanabad	1	1921.92	1634800	
15	Kaimur	3	2689.13	1839900	
16	Katihar	19	31244.12	19600700	
17	Khagaria	31	74413.06	43239490	
18	Kishanganj	4	6966.52	1243400	
19	Lakhisarai	NIL	NIL	NIL	
20	Madhepura	18	21250.98	11474500	
21	Madhubani	1	411.25	257000	
22	Munger	NIL	NIL	NIL	
23	Muzaffarpur	8	13631.56	10398000	
24	Nalanda	8	8151.87	4156200	
25	Nawada	1	4994.17	2496500	
26	Patna	11	14481.32	7000800	
27	Purnea	88	216380.08	134740710	
28	Rohtas	6	15073.76	5666670	
29	Saharsa	12	16171.60	12029000	
30	Samastipur	10	14402.25	7458700	
31	Sheohar	NIL	NIL	NIL	
32	Saran	4	3575.79	1193000	
33	Shekhpura	NIL	NIL	NIL	
34	Sitamarhi	3	10473.09	4978850	
35	Siwan	3	16320.00	8042430	
36	Supaul	1	907.15	1058200	
37	Vaishali	12	26630.90	9553000	
38	West Champaran	15	16564.11	6955355	
	Total	362	774501.31	451231300	

State wise Subsidy Released to Godowns and Processing Units during last five year under AMI

Sr .No	Year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	State	Subsidy Released (in Rs. Lakhs)	Subsidy Released (in Rs. Lakhs)	Subsidy Released (in Rs. Lakhs)	Subsidy Released (in Rs. Lakhs)	Subsidy Released (in Rs. Lakhs)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	818	529	525	1746	529
2	ASSAM	0	211	208	0	476
3	BIHAR	43	190	147	1254	609
4	CHHATTISGARH	0	0	0	191	187
5	GUJARAT	65	111	2246	9520	3838
6	HARYANA	72	271	386	3430	3366
7	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	0	0	0	50	33
8	JHARKHAND	0	0	87	38	19
9	KARNATAKA	25	129	60	866	887
10	KERALA	0	0	0	125	55
11	MADHYA PRADESH	592	1624	1528	37798	38220
12	MAHARASHTRA	88	38	570	2228	1590
13	MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	0	67
14	ODISHA	0	50	14	60	24
15	PUNJAB	0	34	228	1158	564
16	RAJASTHAN	120	71	241	2552	935
17	TAMIL NADU	17	0	0	89	17
18	TELANGANA	82	337	154	4812	2678
19	UTTAR PRADESH	0	45	0	1795	422
20	UTTARAKHAND	0	0	36	155	321
21	WEST BENGAL	39	57	0	49	17
	TOTAL	1961	3698	6432	67916	54853