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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2673

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05TH AUGUST, 2025

MISSION FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURE

2673. SMT. ROOPKUMARI CHOUDHARY:

SHRI CHINTAMANI MAHARAJ:

SHRI CHAVDA VINOD LAKHAMSHI:

SHRI BHOJRAJ NAG:

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

- (a) whether the Government has provided loan assistance for setting up cold storage under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), if so, the details thereof:
- (b) whether the Government has made any assessment in regard to the demand and availability of cold storage facilities for fruits and vegetables, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote post-harvest processing and cold chain infrastructure if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any new measures have been taken to simplify the guidelines, documentation requirements and application process for the subsidy scheme and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

- (a): To facilitate institutional credit and strengthen agriculture infrastructure in the country, Government has launched Agriculture Infrastructure Funds (AIF) of Rs. 1.00 lakh crore. Under AIF, there is provision for collateral free term loan upto Rs. 2.00 crore and interest subvention of 3% on the term loan availed for creation of post-harvest infrastructure including establishment of cold storages.
- (b): As per the study conducted by NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS) in 2015 on "All India Cold-chain Infrastructure Capacity (AICIC-2015)", required capacity of cold storages at that time was 351.00 lakh MT against the existing capacity of 318.23 lakh MT in 2014. As per available information, currently, there are 8815 cold storages in the country with the capacity of 402.18 lakh MT as on date. The State/UT-wise details of Cold Storages are at **Annexure I.**

- (c): Government is implementing various schemes under which financial assistance is available for setting up of post-harvest processing and cold chain infrastructure for horticultural produce including perishable horticulture produce throughout the country. Under MIDH, financial assistance is provided for setting up of post-harvest management infrastructure including pack houses, cold storages, refrigerated transport, ripening chambers, Integrated cold-chain infrastructure, Secondary Processing units in the country and also provided financial assistance for setting up of Food Processing for North Eastern and Himalayan States only. In addition, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) also implements schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), which includes components for integrated cold chain and value addition infrastructure.
- (d): Keeping in view, the increase in prices of various inputs and material cost, improved machinery and new technologies and on the basis of inputs from the Stakeholders the operational guidelines of MIDH have been revised in 2025 by incorporating the suggestions received from States and the prevailing market prices. The MIDH guidelines is farmers friendly, Aadhar based payment systems and Direct Benefit Transfer have been adopted for transparency and accountability.

Annexure – I
State wise distribution of Cold Storages as on 30.06.2025 in the Country

S. No.	Name of the State	No.	Capacity (MT)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT)	4	2210
2	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	480	1996340
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2	6000
4	Assam	45	212662
5	Bihar	316	1490200
6	Chandigarh (UT)	7	12462
7	Chhattisgarh	132	586863
8	Delhi	97	129857
9	Goa	29	7705
10	Gujarat	1023	4042770
11	Haryana	387	886656
12	Himachal Pradesh	89	181318
13	Jammu & Kashmir	96	382564
14	Jharkhand	60	250077
15	Karnataka	271	930379
16	Kerala	202	96655
17	Lakshadweep (UT)	1	15
18	Madhya Pradesh	341	1498651
19	Maharashtra	672	1259932
20	Manipur	2	4500
21	Meghalaya	4	8200
22	Mizoram	3	4071
23	Nagaland	5	8150
24	Orissa	182	579321
25	Pondicherry (UT)	4	185
26	Punjab	780	2642715
27	Rajasthan	192	661876
28	Sikkim	2	2100
29	Tamil Nadu	188	399690
30	Telangana	117	627131
31	Tripura	14	46354
32	Uttar Pradesh	2489	15101408
33	Uttrakhand	62	206848
34	West Bengal	517	5952997
		8815	40218862

(Source: Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (DMI) upto 2009, National Horticulture Board (NHB), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH)) and MoFPI
