

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2568
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th AUGUST, 2026**

Cooperative Godowns

2568. Shri Babu Singh Kushwaha:

Shri Lalji Verma:

Ms Iqra Choudhary:

Shri Devesh Shakya:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the reports stating that cooperative godowns are being used for illegal storage by private traders instead of farmers and if so, the details thereof including such cases in Jaunpur;
- (b) whether the employees of the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) have been imparted training in modern warehouse management and e-commerce and if so, the details thereof particularly for Jaunpur;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that small, marginal, Dalit and backward class farmers of Jaunpur, Purvanchal and Bundelkhand and regions of Uttar Pradesh are not getting equal access to Government godowns and cold storage facilities and if so, the steps taken in this regard; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the storage capacity, cold chains and mandi linkages in Jaunpur and to conduct third-party inspections/audits of these centres and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION

सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

- (a) Since the implementation of decentralized grain storage plan in Cooperative Sector from 31.05.2023, no such report has been received from the State of Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) In order to ensure proper utilization of the godowns the employees of the PACS/Cooperative Societies have been imparted training in modern warehouse management organized by NABARD and WDRA in the state of Uttar Pradesh. However, no specific training request on modern warehouse management has been received so far from Jaunpur. The state can raise request for conduct of such training for their PACS/Cooperative Societies to NABARD and WDRA.

(c) & (d) In this regard, no such information/complaint has been received from the state of Uttar Pradesh. Decentralized storage plan in cooperative sector entails creation of various agri infrastructure including godowns, custom hiring centers, processing units, Fair Price Shops, cold storage etc., at Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)/other cooperative societies level 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).

Unnao, Sonbhadra in Purvanchal and Jaunpur, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Banda, Jalaun, and Jhansi in Bundelkhand region are listed under Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY). The decentralised grain storage plan in Cooperative Sector is one of the components of Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY), complements promoting integrated agricultural infrastructure and value addition in rural areas. Under the plan the creation of storage infrastructure at PACS/other cooperative societies, coupled with primary processing and allied facilities, is expected to generate substantial employment opportunities. Jaunpur district can also participate and avail the benefit under the decentralized grain storage plan in cooperative sector with the approval of District Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC). Under the plan the detailed project report is sanctioned by the respective DCCB after scrutinizing all the requisite document and for availing the advance subsidy claim the DPR is verified by NABARD through their dedicated portal. After completion of the project, physical verification is conducted by respective bank and NABARD.
