

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:328
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2000
CAPACITY OF COLD STORAGES
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL);UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total storage capacity of cold storages in the country at present:
- (b) the details of the financial assistance provided for setting up of cold storages during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether a high level specialists committee has recommended to enhance the storage capacity in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the required capacity?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to

(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS

(a) TO

(e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.328 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH AUGUST, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a): The total installed capacity of cold storages in the country as on 31.03.2000 is estimated to be 136.22 lakh tonnes. .

(b): State-wise financial assistance provided by the National Horticulture Board (NHB), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and the Department of Food Processing Industries (DFPI) for setting up of cold storages in each of the last three years, i.e., from 1997-98 to 1999-2000 is indicated in the statement at Annexure-I. In addition, during the year 1999-2000, under the Scheme of the Capital Investment Subsidy launched during 1999-2000, a subsidy of Rs.20.70 crores had been released by the National Horticulture Board to the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for projects sanctioned through Commercial Banks, etc. and covered under NABARD Refinance and Rs.7.30 crores to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for projects covered under the Cooperative Sector respectively during 1999-2000 for further releasing the same for the cold storage projects under the scheme.

(c) to (e): With a view to launch initiative to develop storage and cold storage facilities, the Government of India constituted a High Level Expert Committee (HLEC) under the Chairmanship of Shri J.N.L. Srivastava, the then Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation on 20.11.1998. The Committee considered the status of cold storage industry, identified constraints in the way of development of cold storages/storages and suggested incentives for its growth and development. The Committee suggested creation/expansion of 12 lakh tonnes and rehabilitation/modernization of 8 lakh tonnes of cold storage capacity and addition of 4.5 lakh tonnes of onion storage capacity in the country during the 9th Five Year Plan. In the light of the recommendations of the Expert Committee and further deliberations in this regard, the Government of India approved the Scheme to provide Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticultural Produce during December, 1999. The Scheme is being implemented by the National Horticulture Board at an outlay of Rs.175.00 crores. The targets under the Scheme include creation/expansion of 12 lakh tonnes and rehabilitation/modernization of 8 lakh tonnes of cold storage capacity during the year 1999-2000 to 2001-2002. The Scheme envisages providing capital subsidy amounting to 25% of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs.50.00 lakhs to be released in the form of back-ended subsidy. In the case of North Eastern States, the provision in subsidy is @ 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs.60 lakhs per project.

ANNEXURE

State/UT-wise financial assistance provided for setting up cold storages during 1997-98 to 1999-2000.

(Rs. in lakh)

State Year Financial assistance provided

NHB NCDC DFPI Total

Andhra Pradesh	1997-98	25.00	-	-	25.00
	1998-99	40.00	-	-	40.00
	99-2000	85.00	-	50.00	135.00
Assam	1997-98	-	-	-	-
	1998-99	-	-	-	-
	99-2000	-	-	50.00	50.00
Bihar	1997-98	-	-	-	-
	1998-99	-	-	-	-
	99-2000	70.00	-	-	70.00
Gujarat	1997-98	-	-	-	-
	1998-99	-	-	25.00	25.00
	99-2000	-	-	30.00	30.00
Haryana	1997-98	25.00	-	-	25.00
	1998-99	10.00	-	-	10.00
	99-2000	-	-	50.00	50.00
Karnataka	1997-98	59.18	39.74	43.75	142.67
	1998-99	67.70	32.56	25.00	125.26
	99-2000	35.00	36.00	75.00	146.00
Meghalaya	1997-98	-	-	-	-
	1998-99	-	-	-	-
	99-2000	-	-	44.30	44.30
Maharashtra	1997-98	37.00	-	93.50	130.50
	1998-99	42.27	-	64.07	106.34
	99-2000	89.00	-	61.69	150.69
Madhya Pradesh	1997-98	35.00	251.70	-	286.70
	1998-99	270.00	105.28	73.00	448.28
	99-2000	110.00	129.99	-	239.99
Orissa	1997-98	-	24.75	-	24.75
	1998-99	67.00	49.00	10.00	126.00
	99-2000	70.00	87.90	50.00	207.90
Punjab	1997-98	50.50	-	24.45	74.95
	1998-99	138.50	-	48.15	186.65
	99-2000	118.00	-	-	118.00
Rajasthan	1997-98	15.00	-	-	15.00
	1998-99	135.00	-	-	135.00
	99-2000	20.00	-	-	20.00
Tamil Nadu	1997-98	36.40	-	-	36.40
	1998-99	-	-	-	-
	99-2000	-	-	-	-
Uttar Pradesh	1997-98	-	-	-	-
	1998-99	107.00	-	-	107.00
	99-2000	10.00	-	50.00	60.00
West Bengal	1997-98	42.65	257.97	-	300.62
	1998-99	272.35	82.73	171.60	526.68
	99-2000	79.00	884.01	66.40	1029.41
Himachal Prdes	1998-99	-	-	25.00	25.00

Total: 2161.55 1981.63 1130.91 5274.09

NHB : National Horticulture Board.
 NCDC: National Co-operative Development Corporation.
 DFPI: Department of Food Processing Industries.