

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF COLD STORAGES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of credit linked subsidy scheme;
- (b) the main objectives of the scheme;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to expand the credit linked subsidy schemes for construction of cold storages; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): In order to give a major thrust to the development of cold storages and storages, the Government have in December, 1999 approve a scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce for implementation during the Ninth Five Year Plan (1999-2002) with an outlay of Rs.175.00 crores. The Scheme is being implemented by National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Agriculture, through the National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD); National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). Under the Scheme, capital subsidy @ 25% of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs.50.00 lakh per project for States other than North Eastern States and @ 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs.60.00 lakhs per project for the North Eastern State is provided to the eligible organizations viz. Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Association of Growers Partnership/Proprietary firms, Companies, Corporations, Cooperatives, Agricultural Produce Market Committees, Marketing Boards/Committees and Agro Industries Corporations. The Scheme envisages back ended subsidy to the promoters/beneficiaries after completion of the project to be released by NHB and operated by the NABARD in the case of projects financed under NABARD re-finance scheme and in the case of cooperative projects financed by NCDC, by the NCDC. The scheme also envisages providing 50% term loan through banks and financial institutions at PLR +1% under NABARD refinance scheme.

The main objective of the scheme is to strengthen post harvest infrastructure for perishable commodities.

(c) & (d): Pursuant to the announcement made by Hon'ble Finance Minister in his Budget speech of 2001-2002 regarding expansion of abovementioned cold storage scheme to include storage for non-perishable commodities, the Government has decide to introduce a scheme for construction of rural godowns on the pattern of above mentioned cold storage scheme for storing non-perishable commodities. The parameters of the scheme are being firmed up for seeking the Government's approval.