

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5668  
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POULTRY BUSINESS  
N.T. SHANMUGAM

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the sub-urban of Vellore, Namakkal and Salem are full of poultry farmers engaged in poultry business for their livelihood;
- (b) whether there has been a widespread demand for construction of a Government cold storage in Vellore area;
- (c) whether the Government are also aware lakhs of poultry eggs are destroyed recently by the poultry farmers due to non-availability of cold storage system; and
- (d) if so, the action the Government propose to take to protect these farmers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): No, Sir. As such there is no proposal for construction of Government cold storage in Vellore.

(c)&(d): The Government are not aware that lakhs of poultry eggs have been destroyed recently in Tamil Nadu. However, NABARD is implementing a capital investment subsidy scheme for construction, expansion and modernization of cold storages in various States including Tamil Nadu. These cold storages, apart from storing horticulture produce, are also permitted to store eggs.