

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1431  
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COLD STORAGES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of the cold storages is much less in the country than the required over due to which the agriculture produces are getting spoiled;
- (b) if so, the time by which new cold storages are likely to be set up;
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals from the States for the construction of cold storages; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Keeping in pace with the required demand, the total number of cold storage facilities for perishables has increased from 4541 (December 2003) to 5101 (December 2006) which has helped in reduction of spoilage of agriculture produces.

(c) & (d): The Government has received proposals from the States for construction of cold storages under two schemes viz.

i) `Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce` of National Horticulture Board.

ii) `Centrally Sponsored Scheme on National Horticulture Mission` for Construction of Cold Storage units under Post harvest Management programme of Ministry of Agriculture.

The details of proposals sanctioned during 2007-08 (upto December, 2007) are given at Annexure.