

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COLD STORAGES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the norms fixed for National Cooperative Development Corporation to provide financial assistance to State Governments for establishment of precooling and cold storage projects by cooperatives for storage of potatoes and other fruits and vegetables;
- (b) the total funds provided to the States for this purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise, year-wise;
- (c) the achievements made in regard to establishment of pre-cooling and cold storages in these States during the above period;
- (d) whether the Government has monitored the proper utilization of the Central funds in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the new cold storages proposed to be set up during the Eleventh Plan period alongwith the funds provided therefor, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Government of India provides Back-ended subsidy to the extent of 25% (33.33% in N.E. States) of the project cost to State Govts./Society through National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for setting up of cold storages and their capacity expansion, modernization and rehabilitation in the cooperative sector.

Back-ended subsidy is available to the maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakh (Rs. 60.00 lakh in N.E. States) per project for setting up/capacity expansion of cold storages of upto 5,000 tons. NCDC provides 65 % (56.67% in N.E States) of the project cost as loan. The balance 10 % is to be met by the beneficiary cooperative society. NCDC provides assistance to such proposals/projects which are technically feasible and economically viable.

(b): The requisite information is as under:

(Amount released Rs. in lakh)
State 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08

Andhra Pradesh -- 38.000 50.00

Bihar 50.000 -- 50.00

Jharkhand -- 50.000 --

Maharashtra 34.479 -- --

Madhya Pradesh 16.470 50.000 --

Tripura -- 43.286 --

West Bengal 369.794 343.908 326.86

(c): The requisite information is as under:

State 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08

Madhya Pradesh 1# -- --

Tripura -- 1 --

West Bengal 5 1 1

Modernization of existing cold storage

(d)&(e): NCDC monitors the assisted projects through progress reports and reimburses financial assistance to the State Govt./Societies based on expenditure incurred.

(f): NCDC has informed that an amount of Rs. 1800 lakh (Approx.) has been proposed as detailed under:

State No. Capacity Funds@ (Rs. in lakh)

Andhra Pradesh 2 10000 400

Jharkhand 1 5000 200

Madhya Pradesh 1 3000 120

West Bengal 5 27000 1080

@ Proposed.