

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COLD CHAIN FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides funds to private entrepreneurs for establishment of cold storage/cold chain infrastructure; and
- (b) if so, the details of funds allocated, released and utilised by such entrepreneurs during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): National Horticulture Mission (NHM), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern and Himalayan States (TMNE), Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI) are giving assistance for setting up of cold storage/cold chain infrastructure. Under the NHM Scheme, during the period 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (as per latest report), cold storage projects have been sanctioned for the amount of Rs. 1.98 crores, Rs. 25.03 crores, Rs. 17.74 crores and Rs. 53.38 crores respectively.

Under the NHB Scheme, during the period 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (as per latest report), subsidy released for cold storage projects is Rs.72.19 crores, Rs.98.87 crores, Rs.19.35 crores and Rs.32.57 crores respectively.

Under the Scheme of TMNE during the period 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (as per latest report), the expenditure incurred on post-harvest management component including cold storage and cold chain is Rs.10.63 crores, Rs.5.91 crores, Rs.3.64 crores, and Rs.3.40 crores respectively.

APEDA has provided assistance for setting up private pack houses and integrated cold storage projects during the period 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09, amounting to Rs.3.77 crore, Rs.2.71 crores and Rs.3.09 crores respectively.

MOFPI has provided assistance for cold chain, value addition and preservation infrastructure during the period 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (as per latest report), amounting to Rs.2.18 crores, Rs.0.78 crore, Rs.9.68 crores and Rs.38.61 crores respectively.