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ASSISTANCE FOR SETTING UP OF COLD STORAGE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether assistance has been provided to set up cold storage under the National Horticulture Mission in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of assistance provided during the last three years, Statewise;
- (c) whether any irregularities has been detected in providing such assistance;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective action taken in the matter?

Answer

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(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "National Horticulture Mission" (NHM) for holistic development of horticulture sector with an end to end approach to provide holistic growth of horticulture sector through area based regionally differentiated strategies. Under the scheme financial assistance is provided for taking up various activities related to horticulture including development of post harvest infrastructure such as cold storage projects. Assistance @40% (for general areas) and 55%

(for hilly and tribal areas) of capital cost of Rs. 6000/MT up to a capacity of 5000 MT cold storage unit is available which is credit linked and back ended.

During last three years, credit linked back ended subsidy of Rs.14085.67 lakh was sanctioned to 327 cold storages in the country. State wise details are annexed.

(c) to (e): The assistance provided under the scheme is credit linked. Projects are submitted to Government of India by the concerned State Government. So far, no irregularity has been reported in providing the assistance to the beneficiaries under this component.