

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:424
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GODOWNS FOR FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide assistance for construction of godowns to increase storage capacity of foodgrains under the Rural Godown Scheme in various villages of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government of India is implementing credit linked back-ended capital investment subsidy scheme of Construction/Renovation of Rural Godown with the objective of creating scientific storage capacity with allied facilities in rural areas to meet out various requirements of farmers for storing farm produce, processed farm produce, agricultural inputs etc.

Under the scheme, financial assistance up to 25% of capital cost of project is given to farmers, agriculture graduates, cooperatives, Central Warehousing Corporation/State Warehousing Corporation for construction of rural godowns. For North Eastern States/Hilly Areas, Scheduled Caste/Schedule Tribe entrepreneurs and women farmers, subsidy @ 33.33% is provided.

Since the inception of the scheme i.e. 01-04-2001 and till 31-05-2010 a capacity of 257.33 lakh MTs corresponding to 21888 rural godowns with subsidy of Rs.620.51 crores, have been sanctioned.

(c): Question does not arise.