

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:174

ANSWERED ON:05.08.2010

COLD STORAGES

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**Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of cold storages functioning in the country as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the procedure laid down for utilising the services of these cold storages by the farmers;
- (c) whether guidelines are reported to have been violated and the farmers are being excessively charged for utilising the services of these cold storages;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the plan, if any, for setting up more cold storages in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.174 FOR 05-08-2010 REGARDING COLD STORAGES

(a): As per the information available with Directorate of Marketing & Inspection (DMI), Ministry of Agriculture, total number of cold storages in the country as on 31-12-2009 is 5381. State-wise and capacity-wise details are given in the annexure.

(b) to (d): Government do not regulate the charges being levied for utilization of cold storages which are generally market driven and dependent upon various factors including volume of storage material, power supply, fuel cost, labour charges, etc.

(e): To increase the capacity of the cold storages in the country, Government is operating several Plan Schemes under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of cold storages/ cold chain facilities. Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has a Plan Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure during the 11th Plan to provide financial assistance to project proposals received from public / private organizations for cold chain infrastructure development. The scheme envisages financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 50% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 75% for North Eastern Region and difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs.10.00 crore. The initiatives are aimed at filling the gaps in the supply chain, strengthening of cold chain infrastructure, establishing value addition with infrastructural facilities like sorting, grading, packaging and processing for horticulture including organic produce, marine, dairy, poultry, etc. Other agencies of the Government like Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processing Food Products Development Authority (APEDA), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and State Governments also provide assistance for cold storages under their respective schemes.

Under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) scheme implemented by Deptt. of Agriculture and Cooperation, financial assistance is provided through State Horticulture Mission for construction / modernization/expansion of cold storages @40% of capital cost of the project in general areas and @ 55% in case of hilly and schedules areas for a maximum storage capacity of 5000 MT per project @ Rs. 6000 per MT and for CA storages @Rs. 32000 per MT for 5000 MT storage capacity.

National Horticulture Board (NHB) under Ministry of Agriculture provides back ended capital investment subsidy for construction / modernization / expansion of cold storages @ 40% of capital cost of the project in general areas and @55% in case of hilly and schedules areas for a maximum storage capacity of 5000 MT per project @ Rs. 6000 per MT and for CA storages @ Rs. 32000 per MT for 5000 MT storage capacity.

Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under Ministry of Commerce provides financial assistance for setting up specialized storage facilities such as CA / MA cold storages, deep freezers etc. @25% of the cost subject to maximum of Rs.10 lakh per beneficiaries.

The scheme of MFPI is project based and not state wise. Rs.210 crore has been allocated by MFPI for the purpose of development of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure during the 11th Plan.

Further, to promote setting up of more cold storages in the country, Government, in the Union Budget 2010-11, has announced to allow external commercial borrowings for cold storage or cold room facilities including farm level pre-cooling for preservation or storage of agricultural and allied produce, marine products and meat, as a part of the farm to market initiative and to promote private sector investment in setting up of cold storages. In addition, Government has also announced project import status at a concessional customs duty of 5% with full exemption from service tax to the initial setting up and expansion of cold storage, cold room including farm pre-coolers for preservation or storage of agriculture and related sectors produce and full exemption from custom duty to refrigeration units required for the manufacture of refrigerated vans or trucks.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN THE REPLY TO PART (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 174 FOR 05.08.2010

SECTORWISE DISTRIBUTION OF COLD STORAGES AS ON 31/12/2009

Sl. No. State/UT TOTAL NO. TOTAL CAPACITY IN MTs

1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT)	02	210
2.	Andhra Pradesh	290	900606
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	01	5000
4.	Assam	24	88068
5.	Bihar	246	1147041
6.	Chandigarh (UT)	06	12216
7.	Chhatisgarh	69	341885
8.	Delhi	95	126158
9.	Gujarat	398	1267304
10.	Goa	29	7705
11.	Haryana	244	393121
12.	Himachal Pradesh	18	19858
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	19	42869
14.	Jharkhand	45	170148
15.	Kerala	193	58105
16.	Karnataka	170	407165
17.	Lakshadweep (UT)	01	15
18.	Maharashtra	466	546748
19.	Madhya Pradesh	197	808052
20.	Manipur	00	00
21.	Meghalaya	03	3200
22.	Mizoram	00	00

23.	Nagaland	02	6150
24.	Orissa	101	291039
25.	Pondicherry(UT)	03	85
26.	Punjab	422	1345193
27.	Rajasthan	110	324226
28.	Sikkim	01	2000
29.	Tamilnadu	148	238536
30.	Tripura	11	29450
31.	Uttar Pradesh	1589	10118000
32.	Uttarakhand	15	68499
33.	West Bengal	463	5682000
	TOTAL	5381	24450652

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