

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FDI FOR COLD STORAGE FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of cold storage facilities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to ensure adequate cold storage facilities in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to allow FDI for creation of cold storage facilities;
- (e) if so, the details and reasons thereof; and
- (f) the action plan for setting up of the National Centre for cold storage development?

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) to (c): In view of growth in production of perishable agricultural products, there is a need for creation of additional cold storage facilities in the country. Assistance is provided to entrepreneurs in setting up of new cold storage facilities in the country through the schemes of National Horticulture Mission (NHM), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand (TMNE), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI).

(d) & (e): As per extant FDI Policy, 100% FDI is permitted on automatic route in cold storage.

(f): The Government has decided to establish the National Centre for Cold Chain Development (NCCD) as an autonomous centre of excellence in association with the industry and other Stakeholders for development of cold chain in India, for which funding through National Horticulture Board (NHB) to the extent of Rs.25.00 crore has been proposed.