

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LESS STORAGE CAPACITY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether onion and potato are sold on comparatively high prices during the off season due to less capacity of cold storages in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of cold storages set up/proposed to be set up during each of the last three years and the current year, Statewise;
- (d) the details of cold storages modernised and the capacity augmented during the said period; and
- (e) the funds provided to the State Governments for the purpose during the said period, State-wise?

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): The price of agriculture produce including onion and potato depends on many factors such as production area, total production, demand and supply, purchase capacity of consumers, etc. However, availability of adequate cold storage is also a factor for off season prices of potato.

(c) to (e): State-wise details of cold storage set up and modernized and funds released during the last 3 years and current year under the schemes of National Horticulture Board

(NHB), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) is placed at Annexure-I, II, III & IV respectively. Besides this, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has accorded approval under the Plan Scheme of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure to 10 Cold Chain Projects involving a capacity of Rs. 65000 MT during 2008-09 in the States of Maharashtra, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Haryana. Funds released during 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 (upto 31-10-2010) are Rs. 8.23 crore, Rs.43.50 crore and Rs. 8.32 crore respectively.