

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether storage of foodgrains in villages by farmers has led to losses due to pests and weather conditions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch any scheme to build modern warehouses to store grains in villages with investment of small capital;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) & (b): There is no specific study made to assess the losses on account of storage of food grains in villages by farmers due to pests and weather conditions. However, as per the report of Indian Council of Agricultural Research on 'Estimation of Quantitative Harvest and Post Harvest Losses of Major Agricultural Produce in India', conducted during 2005-2007, estimated losses at farm level storage for selected cereal varies from 1.4-1.9% and that for selected pulses varies from 1.3-2.3%.

(c) to (e): Yes, Madam. Assistance is provided under the capital investment credit-linked back-ended subsidy scheme of Construction/Renovation of Rural Godowns for setting up of godowns in the rural areas with the objective of providing scientific storage facilities for agricultural produce, processed farm produce and for prevention of distress sale. Under the scheme, subsidy @ 25% of project cost is provided to all categories of farmers, agricultural graduates, cooperatives and Central Warehousing Corporation and State Warehousing Corporations. All other categories of individuals, companies and corporations are being given subsidy @ 15% of the project cost. In case of North Eastern States/ Hilly areas and Scheduled caste and scheduled tribe entrepreneurs and their cooperatives and women farmers, subsidy is provided @ 33.33%. Rural Godowns upto a minimum capacity of 50 MT and 25 MT will be eligible for subsidy in plain areas and hilly areas respectively. So far, a total of 9110 rural godowns with a capacity of 93.62 lakh MT have been sanctioned during XI Plan period.