

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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LOANS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF COLD STORAGE  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include the loans given for the establishment of cold storages in the priority sector lendings in order to attract more investments in the said sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c): Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that under the priority sector lending guidelines, it has fixed a target of 18 per cent of Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) or credit equivalent amount of Off-Balance Sheet Exposure, whichever is higher for domestic scheduled commercial banks for lending to the Agriculture and allied activities.

Loans for construction and running of storage facilities (warehouse, market yards, godowns, and silos), including cold storage units designed to store agriculture produce/products, irrespective of their location have been included as part of the RBI's priority sector lending guidelines for lending to Agriculture and Allied activities.