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COLD STORAGE

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to increase the capacity of cold storage in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of amount allocated during the XI Five Year Plan for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. To encourage setting up of cold chain facilities 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 also 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.

Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation as well as Ministry of Commerce and State Governments also provide financial assistance for cold storages under their respective schemes through their agencies like National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processing Food Products Development Authority (APEDA), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).

(c): Rs.210 crore has been allocated for the purpose of development of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure during the 11th Plan. The scheme is project oriented not state specific. Therefore, state-wise allocation of funds has not been made, however project wise current status is annexed.

Further, up-scaling of scheme has been approved by Competent Authority for remaining period of 11th plan for taking up of new proposals for development of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure.