

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED FOOD STORAGE GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of temperature controlled food storage godowns functioning in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the current demand of such godowns in the country; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to establish such godowns as per the current demand during the 11th Plan?

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): 5386 temperature controlled food storage godowns having a capacity of 236.62 lakh MTs were available in the country as on 31-12-2008. The sector-wise commodity-wise, State-wise details of these cold storages are given in the enclosed Annexures-I & II respectively.

(b): The estimation of current demand of such godowns in the country is not available. However, a Task Force on Development of Cold Chain in India was set up in 2007 to draw the road map and investment detail for development of integrated Cold Chain in the country. The Task Force in its Report has recommended upgradation/creation and revival of 37.83 lakh MT Cold Stores, which also includes setting up of mega perishable commodity complex at major consumption and export centres.

(c): The Government has undertaken the following initiatives to establish temperature controlled food storage godowns:

(i) The Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a scheme on "Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Moderzination/Expansion of Cold Storage and Storage for Horticulture Produce" through National Horticulture Board (NHB). Under this scheme, credit-linked back-ended subsidy is provided @ 33.33% of the project cost with a maximum ceiling of Rs. 60.00 lakh for North Eastern and Himalayan States and @ 25% with maximum limit of Rs. 50.00 lakh in other States. The Government has also launched two Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the development of horticulture viz., "Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttrakhand" (TMNE) and "National Horticulture Mission" (NHM) under which assistance is provided for construction of cold storages on the same norms as above. The assistance under TMNE is routed through NHB.

(ii) Agricultural Produce Export Development Authority (APEDA) under its schemes for Infrastructure Development, "Setting up of both pre cooling facilities with proper handling system as well as cold storage for storing and "Setting up of specialized storage facilities such as high humidity cold storage deep freezers, controlled atmosphere or modified atmosphere storage etc." is providing assistance @ 25% of the cost of equipment subject to a ceiling of Rs. 10.00 lakh per beneficiary.