

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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COLD STORAGE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is announcing new procurement price, construction of more cold storage facilities for apple growers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and;
- (c) the steps taken in this direction so far?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & b): As per the information received from the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand, three major apple producing states of the country, no new procurement price for apple has been announced during this year. The status of existing cold storages in these states is as under-

S.No. State Total Nos. of Nos. Cold Storages  
Cold Storages for apple

1	Himachal Pradesh#	25	20
2	J & K	19	7
3	Uttarakhand##	16	1

Source: Directorate of Market Intelligence, National Horticulture Board, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and State Hort. Departments.

# HP: two additional cold storages for apples have recently been approved by NHB

## Uttarakhand: one CA storage is under construction for apple growing areas of Uttarkashi.

(c): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) on request from respective state governments launches Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) in the states during the apple season for procurement of C Grade apples. The cost of MIS is shared with the respective state governments on 50: 50 basis.

In addition, DAC also provides financial assistance for setting up cold storages in the country under its two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz., (i) Horticulture Mission for North-East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and (ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for rest of the states. Besides, National Horticulture Board (NHB) is also implementing a scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storages.