

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GRAMEEN BHANDARAN YOJANA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start Grameen Bhandaran Yojana (GBY) in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the major objectives of the scheme;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the State Governments including Kerala in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a): The Grameen Bhandaran Yojana is already in existence since 1/4/2001 which is being implemented across the country including in rural areas.

(b): The `Grameen Bhandaran Yojana` is being implemented in XI Plan with a target of creation of 90 lakh Metric Tonnes of storage capacity with a budget allocation of Rs.400 crores. Presently the subsidy @ 25% of the project cost is being given to all categories of farmers, Agriculture graduates, cooperatives & Central Warehousing Corporations/ 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 & scheduled caste/scheduled tribes entrepreneurs and their cooperatives and women farmers, subsidy is given @ 33.33% of the project cost. Assistance for renovations of rural godowns is restricted to godowns constructed by cooperatives only. So far 25682 rural godowns, having a capacity of 294.83 lakhs MT with a subsidy release of Rs. 787.18 crores, have been sanctioned all over the country.

The main objectives of the scheme are:

- (i) creation of scientific storage capacity with allied facilities in rural areas to meet out various requirements of farmers for storing farm produce, processed farm produce, agricultural inputs;
 - (ii) prevention of distress sale immediately after harvest by providing the facility of pledge financing and marketing credit;
 - (iii) strengthen agricultural marketing infrastructure in the country by paving the way for the introduction of a national system of warehouse receipt in respect of agricultural commodities stored in such godowns;
 - (iv) promotion of grading, standardisation and quality control of agricultural produce to improve their marketability;
 - (v) to reverse the declining trend of investment in agriculture sector by encouraging, private and cooperative sectors to invest in the creation of storage infrastructure in the country.
- (c): As per the operational guidelines of the scheme, proposals are submitted by the promoters to NABARD/NCDC through financing banks to avail the benefit of subsidy under the scheme. As such, no proposal of the State Government of Kerala is pending in the Ministry.
- (d): Does not arise.