

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of cold storages functioning in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to increase the capacity of cold storages in the country including those along the coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the amount of funds allocated for the said purpose during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to strengthen cold storage infrastructure in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a): State-wise details of cold storages as on 31.03.2011 are enclosed at Annexure-1.(Source: Directorate of Marketing and Inspection, Ministry of Agriculture)
- (b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has formulated a scheme "Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure" which is targeted to increase the capacity of cold chain infrastructure by 2.32 lakh Metric Tonnes. 49 projects have already been approved, of which 4 projects are in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Another 30 projects are under consideration for approval.
- (c): The Ministry provides 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% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works in difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs.10.00 crore for strengthening and value addition of cold chain infrastructure.
- (d): During the last three years, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 43.50 crore in 2009-10, Rs. 21.657 crore in 2010-11, and Rs. 81.55 crore in 2011-12. The budget allocation for the current year (2012-13) is Rs. 84.28 crore.
- (e): Other agencies of the Government like National Horticulture Mission (NHM), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and State Government also provide assistance for cold storages under their respective schemes. "Creation and Management of cold chain infrastructure" for agriculture has been identified a thrust area by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Being a thrust area, the Government has provided various fiscal incentives for setting up of cold chain infrastructure (Details are at Annexure-II).