

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to construct godowns to remove shortage of onion storage capacity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent of onion storage capacity of godowns of various States in the country at present, State-wise;
- (d) the annual requirement of onion storage; and
- (e) the number of godowns proposed to be constructed by the Government for storage of onions in various states, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH). The Missions cover entire spectrum of horticulture development from production to consumption through backward and forward linkages including construction of onion storage structures. Besides, National Horticulture Board (NHB) also provides assistance for onion storage units under Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for construction/expansion/modernization of Cold Storage/Storages of Horticulture Produce.

(c) to (e): The details of onion storage capacity of various states in the country and the estimated onion storage during the current year are annexed. The creation of onion storage structures under above schemes are project based and viable projects received from beneficiaries are sanctioned by the States and NHB.