

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6367  
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COLD STORAGE IN KERALA  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large quantity of marine products perishes in Kerala due to non-availability of cold storage facility;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide cold storage facility to fishermen;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has also come to know of the usage of pesticides for preserving the fishes including dry fish; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government to stop the usage of pesticides for this purpose?

**Answer**

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

- (a). No Madam. The Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries has no such reports.
- (b) & (c) The Ministry under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme provides financial assistance for the creation of (i) fish preservation and storage infrastructure such as ice plants, cold storage & (ii) marketing & fish transport facilities. The Government of Kerala and the State fishermen have not accessed the funds under the CSS especially for creation of cold storage facilities in the State.
- (d) & (e) No, Madam. The Ministry has no such authentic reports.