

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:917  
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GRAMEEN BHANDARAN YOJANA  
Ganpatrao Shri Jadhav Prataprao

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that two rural warehouses under Grameen Bhandaran Yojana are ready for use in Buldhana district of Maharashtra but the scheme has failed due to the subsidy imposed on bank loan instead of providing the same on production cost in view of the guidelines issued by the NABARD against national interest;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any corrective measures have been taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Assistance under the Central sector Scheme of Grameen Bhandaran Yojana is provided through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) as per provisions of the operational guidelines of the Scheme. The operational guidelines provides for cost norms and capacity ceiling for the project in order to encourage construction of smaller godowns by farmers in rural area. It further stipulates that minimum of 50% of project cost (46.67% in case of women entrepreneurs ) is to be raised as term-loan from financing banks by the entrepreneurs. However, the details of the projects not found eligible by financing bank is not maintained by the Ministry. In case of two godown projects of capacity of 1684 MT and 1650 MT respectively constructed by women entrepreneurs in Buldhana district in Maharashtra, the term loan availed by promoters is less than minimum prescribed limit for the term loans. NABARD therefore has not approved the subsidy for these projects.