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COLD STORAGE FOR MANGOES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is adequate availability of cold storages to store mangoes in the country including Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The information on availability of cold storages to store mangoes is not available. However, according to a study done of National Spot Exchange (NSE) in 2010, on the basis of peak season production and highest arrival /harvesting of storable fruits and vegetables in a month, there is a gap of 33.29 million MT cold storage capacity to store perishables including mangoes. In Andhra Pradesh this is 1.02 million MT.

(c): Ministry of Agriculture is implementing National Horticulture Mission (NHM), National Horticulture Board (NHB) and Horticulture Mission in North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) Schemes, which provides assistance for a number of components related to horticulture development including private sector investment through creation of post harvest infrastructure like cold storages, controlled atmosphere/modified atmosphere (CA/MA) storages and refrigerated transport in the country including Andhra Pradesh. In order to attract more private sector investment and to bridge the gap of demand in supply in cold storage sector, assistance under these schemes has been enhanced to 40% of capital cost in general areas and 55% in hilly and scheduled areas w.e.f. 01.04.2010. Besides, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) are also implementing schemes for establishment of cold storages / cold chain in the country.

Other initiatives include (i) External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) for investment in new projects, modernization / expansion of existing production units in real sector – industrial sector including infrastructure sector for creating cold storages or cold room facility, including farm level pre-cooling, for preservation or storage of agricultural / horticultural and allied produce. (ii) 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) under automatic route in storage and warehousing including warehousing of agriculture products with refrigeration i.e. cold storages (iii) full exemption from excise duty on air conditioning equipment and refrigeration panels for cold chain infrastructure, including conveyor belts and (iv) earmarking of funds for creation of warehousing facilities including cold storage under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) has also been introduced.