

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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RURAL GODOWNS

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the Central Rural Godowns Scheme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the progress achieved and number of godowns constructed so far under the scheme;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and utilised under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to sanction more godowns and increase their capacity; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government is implementing a demand driven, credit-linked central sector scheme of "Construction/Renovation of Rural Godown" through the implementing agencies of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). Under the Scheme, 19,018 rural godowns with a capacity of 246.75 lakh MT, have been constructed up to 31-03-2012.

(c) to (e): As the scheme is demand driven, there is no State-wise allocation of funds. The funds allocated and the funds utilized by the Government under the scheme during last three years and the current year have increased considerably which is given at Annexure. Government has also enhanced the maximum size of the godown eligible for subsidy, under the scheme with effect from 20.10.1011, from 10,000 MT to 30,000 MT except for North East, Sikkim and Hilly areas, where it has been increased from 10,000 MT to 25,000 MT.