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COLD STORAGE FACILITY

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide cold storage facilities locally to the farmers for fruits and vegetables through the Food Corporation of India/Public-Private Partnership mode;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): No, Madam. The mandate of Food Corporation of India is creation of dry storage facilities mainly for food grains. The fruits and vegetable require wet cold storage facilities.

Assistance for creation of wet cold storage facilities for fruits and vegetables are provided through following schemes of Government:

1. National Horticulture Mission (NHM)
2. Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH)
3. National Horticulture Board (NHB)
4. Scheme of Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)
5. Scheme of Agricultural Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)
6. Scheme of National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)