

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF RURAL GODOWNS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of godowns set up under the Central Sector Scheme of Rural Godowns in various parts of the country, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the number and respective capacity of such godowns set up/proposed to be set up in the country, during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the extent to which these godowns have been helpful to farmers in preventing the post harvest losses of the crops; and
- (d) the financial assistance provided by the Government to set up these godowns during the said period, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a): 29715 rural godowns with the capacity of 348.40 lakh MT have been sanctioned upto 31.10.2012 under Central Sector Scheme of `Grameen Bhandaran Yojana` throughout the country. State-wise details of the number of godowns and capacity sanctioned, including for the State of Chhattisgarh, is given in Annexure-I.
- (b): 1444 godowns with capacity of 18.27 lakh MT were sanctioned in 2009-10, 2869 godowns with capacity of 26.61 lakh MT were sanctioned in 2010-11, 3381 godowns with capacity of 33.92 lakh MT were sanctioned in 2011-12 and 1628 godowns with capacity of 31.22 lakh MT have been sanctioned in the current year (2012-13) upto 31.10.2012.
- (c): As per the findings of the Evaluation Study of the Scheme conducted in 2005, 70% godown owners were predominantly farmers who have been benefited through reduction in post harvest losses, increase in income through higher price realization reported at the level of 5 to 15% which enabled both savings and investment capacity. Godown owners also reported employment creation.
- (d): The financial assistance is provided in the form of credit linked capital investment subsidy and the details of State-wise subsidy released for the period from 1.4.2001 to 31.10.2012 is given in Annexure II.