

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF COLD STORAGES AND WAREHOUSES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any scheme/project is being launched to build cold storages and warehouses for the storage of grains, agro products brought/transacted at markets set up by the Agro Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposals received from various States including Maharashtra under the said project;
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has issued any guidelines for providing financial assistance/grants through its financial agency, NABARD under these projects; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Generally horticulture produce require cold storages while grains require warehouses. Development of cold storages is promoted in the country, including Maharashtra, under the schemes of the Government, namely, National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH), Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storage and Storage for Horticulture Produce Scheme of National Horticulture Board (NHB) and Development/Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardization (AMIGS). Godowns/Warehouses are developed in the country, including Maharashtra, under the Scheme of Construction of Rural Godowns (RGS), in addition to Food Corporation of India (FCI).

Under AMIGS, total number of projects sanctioned so far are 8087 involving subsidy of Rs.782.14 crore, out of which 911 projects involving subsidy of Rs. 238.99 crore have been sanctioned in Maharashtra. Under RGS, total number of projects sanctioned so far are 30574 with capacity of 383.62 lakh Metric Tonne (MT) involving subsidy of Rs.1294.42 crore, out of which 2739 godowns with capacity of 39.47 lakh MT involving subsidy of Rs. 126.50 crore have been sanctioned in Maharashtra. Under the Scheme of NHM, total number of projects sanctioned so far are 652 with capacity of 401.26 lakh MT involving subsidy of Rs.446.12 crore, out of which 22 projects with capacity of 41,118 MT involving subsidy of Rs. 8.44 crore have been sanctioned in Maharashtra. Under the Scheme of NHB, total number of projects sanctioned so far are 2792 with capacity of 180.63 lakh MT involving subsidy of Rs.789.39 crore, out of which 171 projects with capacity of 280923 MT involving subsidy of Rs. 19.87 crore have been sanctioned in Maharashtra.

(d) & (e) Among the above, AMIGS and RGS Schemes are being implemented through NABARD. Under AMIGS, the credit linked capital investment subsidy is provided for general or commodity specific marketing infrastructure for agricultural and allied commodities, etc. including cold storage. The projects can be taken up by individuals, Group of farmers/ growers/ consumers, Partnership/ Proprietary firms, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), Companies, Corporations, Autonomous Bodies of the Government, Cooperatives, Cooperative Marketing Federations, Local Bodies, Agricultural Produce Market Committee & Marketing Boards. The scheme is demand-driven and reform linked.

Under RGS, the credit linked capital investment subsidy is provided for construction of rural god owns which can be taken up by individuals, farmers, Group of farmers/growers, Partnership/ Proprietary firms, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), Companies, Corporations, Co-operatives, Local Bodies other than Municipal Corporations, Federations, Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees, Marketing Boards and Agro Processing Corporations in the entire country. The scheme is demand-driven and not location specific except for the restriction that it would be outside the limits of Municipal Corporation limits.