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COLD STORAGEES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the requirement and availability of cold storage capacity in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Centre for Cold Chain Development to monitor the creation of additional storage for price sensitive products mainly of a perishable nature;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the financial assistance provided by the Government to various States including Karnataka for setting up of cold storage during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a): National Spot Exchange (NSE) in its study published in December, 2010 estimated a requirement of 611.30 lakh MT cold storage capacity against the availability of 242.98 lakh MT capacity. As per the study, the State wise requirement and availability of cold storage capacity is at Annexure – I.

(b) & (c): National Centre for Cold Chain Development (NCCD) has been constituted as an autonomous body by Government and has been registered under societies registration Act 1860.

The aims and objectives of the Society are:

- i. To recommend standards and protocols for cold chain infrastructure/building including post harvest management so as to harmonize with international standards and best practices and suggest mechanism for bench marking and certification of infrastructure/building, process and services provided by cold chain industry.
- ii. To suggest indicative guidelines for preparation of project reports for potential investors/entrepreneurs.
- iii. To assess and develop appropriate IT-based management information system for the cold chain infrastructure.
- iv. To undertake and coordinate Research and Development (R&D) work required for development of cold chain industry in consultation with stakeholders.
- v. To undertake and coordinate the task of Human Resource Development (HRD) and capacity building. It may also conduct in-house training, short-term/long courses relevant for cold chain development.
- vi. To launch publicity campaign to educate the stakeholders including awareness building about the benefits of integrated cold chain.
- vii. To recommend appropriate policy framework relating to development of cold chain.
- viii. To facilitate and foster the development of multi-modal transportation facilities for perishable agricultural, horticultural and allied commodities and establishment of National Green Grid Perishable Commodities.

(d): Government is implementing National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and programme of National Horticulture Board (NHB) for development of horticulture which includes financial assistance for setting up of cold storages. State wise financial assistance provided under these schemes including Karnataka during last three years and current year is at Annexure – II.