

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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GRAMIN BHANDARAN YOJANA

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

- (a) the present status of the creation of scientific storage capacity warehouses with allied facilities in rural areas under the Gramin Bhandaran Yojana;
- (b) the total number of rural godowns constructed till January, 2013 and the total number of farmers benefited under this scheme, State-wise including Bihar, Jharkhand and Kerala;
- (c) the increase of storage capacity derived under the scheme, State-wise;
- (d) the amount of subsidy released to various States including Kerala during the last three years and the current year;
- (e) the number of storage capacity which has been built exclusively for food processing purposes in Kerala; and
- (f) the output regarding creation of such storage facility in the agriculture and food processing industry?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): The Central Sector Scheme 'Grameen Bhandaran Yojana' was launched in 2001 for creation of scientific storage capacity with allied facilities in rural areas to meet the requirements of farmers for storing farm produce, processed farm produce and agricultural inputs. Under the scheme, upto January, 2013, 30574 godowns have been sanctioned in the country, including

Bihar, Jharkhand and Kerala. The State-wise details of number of godowns and their capacity sanctioned are given in Annexure I. The amount of subsidy released to various States, including Kerala, during the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure II.

As per report (2006) of the evaluation study of the scheme, the godown owners are predominantly farmers (70%), followed by traders, business houses and other categories.

The storage capacity of 383.62 lakh tonnes has been sanctioned for storing farm produce, agricultural inputs, as well as for storing processed farm produce. There is no system of maintaining data separately for food processing purpose.