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COLD STORAGE FOR FLOWERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and number of cold storages and warehouses set up in the country including West Bengal, Assam and other North Eastern States so far, State-wise;
- (b) the quantum of incentives provided to various States in this regard so far, State-wise;
- (c) the number of cold storages and warehouses proposed to be set up in various States including West Bengal and North Eastern States during the 12th Five Year Plan period;
- (d) whether the Government is also taking initiatives to provide the facility of cold storages for flowers as the demand of Indian flowers in other countries is very high;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As per the data compiled by Directorate of Market and Inspection (DMI), in December 2009, there were 5381 cold storage in the country. The State-wise number of cold storage including West Bengal, Assam and North East States till December 2009 is at Annexure – I.

The State-wise number of cold storages set up under the schemes of National Horticulture Mission (NHM), National Horticulture Board (NHB) and Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) since 2009-2010 till January 2013 and quantum of incentives provided to States is at Annexure-II.

Further, Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing the scheme for Integrated Cold Chain, Value addition and preservation infrastructure. The State-wise projects sanctioned and incentives approved under the scheme is at Annexure – III.

Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) is also running cold storages/ temperature control warehouses at Kolkata (595 MT), Chennai (574 MT), Navi Mumbai (395 MT),Kerala (875 MT) and Amritsar (1450 MT).

(c) The schemes for setting up of cold storages are demand driven and credit linked. The State-wise targets are not fixed under these schemes. However, these schemes are implemented in all the States/UTs across the country.

(d) & (e) Flowers are highly perishable and sensitive which require precooling and cold room facilities at the production sites. The cold rooms for storing flowers are integrated with the projects at production sites and to maintain the cold chain for export of flowers, cold rooms are available at perishable cargo centres at the major airports. The schemes for setting up of cold storages covers all horticulture produce including flowers.