

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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COLD STORAGES IN RURAL AREAS

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

(a) whether the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) provides financial assistance to the States for construction of cold storages;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of cold storages set up in each State with Central assistance during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether any proposal is under consideration of NCDC to construct more cold storages in the rural areas during the current year; and

(d) 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): Yes, Madam. NCDC provides financial assistance to the extent of 90% (95% in case of least developed states i.e. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, J&K, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim & Tripura) of the block cost to the State Government for establishment/modernization/rehabilitation/modification of cold storages including Controlled Atmosphere (CA) and Modified Atmosphere (MA) Stores, pre-cooling units by cooperatives. In case of direct funding, assistance to the extent of 75% is provided. NCDC has informed that as on 4.3.2013 they have provided assistance of Rs.184.20 crores for creation of facility of cold storage of 9,29,870 MT capacity in the country. The State-wise & year-wise details of such cold storage capacity created in various States during last 3 years and current year 2012-13 are as under:

Year	No	Capacity (MT)	State-wise details
2009-10	2	11,600	West Bengal (5600MT + 6000MT)
2010-11	2	7,500	(i) Madhya Pradesh (5000 MT) (ii) Orissa (2500 MT)
2011-12	1	3,000	Maharashtra
1012-13	Nil	Nil	

(c) & (d): NCDC has envisaged creation of 10,000 MT capacity of cold storages in cooperative sector in the rural areas during current financial year as under :

Name of the State	No	Capacity (MT)
West Bengal	1	5000
Jharkhand	1	5000