

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURE CLIMATE DAMAGE FUND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any request for constituting a National Agriculture Climate Damage Fund and enhancing warehousing facilities at village level for development of the agriculture sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon; and;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government at the national level to solve the problem of climatic change which is creating an impediment in the development of the agriculture sector and overcome the shortage of warehousing facilities in the country for the benefits of farmers?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Agriculture is not contemplating any proposal for creating a National Agriculture Climate Damage Fund. However, for enhancing warehousing facilities at village level, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing 'Grameen Bhandaran Yojana' with following main objectives:

- (i) Creation of scientific storage capacity with allied facilities in rural areas to meet various requirements of farmers for storing farm produce, processed farm produce, agricultural inputs;
- (ii) Prevention of distress sale immediately after harvest by providing the facility of pledge financing and marketing credit;
- (iii) Strengthen agricultural marketing infrastructure in the country by paving the way for the introduction of a national system of warehouse receipt in respect of agricultural commodities stored in such godowns;
- (iv) Promotion of grading, standardisation and quality control of agricultural produce to improve their marketability;
- (v) To reverse the declining trend of investment in agriculture sector by encouraging, private and cooperative sectors to invest in the creation of storage infrastructure in the country.

To enhance resilience of Indian Agriculture in times of climate change, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing 'National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) that aims at evolving cost-effective adaptation and mitigation strategies against climate change through strategic research on natural resources, major food crops, livestock, marine and fresh water fisheries for adaptation and mitigation; demonstration of available climate resilient practices on farmers' fields in vulnerable districts of the country, strengthen research infrastructure and capacity building of scientists for undertaking long term research on climate change adaptation etc.