

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COLD STORAGE FACILITIES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the dearth of deep freeze cold storage facilities and disruptions in power supply are restricting cultivators/farmers involved in shrimp cultivation from fetching the best prices for their produce in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of deep freeze cold storages set up in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether it is true that the long power outages in rural areas are hurting the interests of the said cultivators/farmers;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the number of deep freeze cold storages in the country and to provide them adequate and uninterrupted power supply in order to boost the shrimp cultivation in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a) & (b): The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture has not come across such scenario.
- (c) : The number of cold storage set up in the country during the last three years and the current financial year for fisheries are furnished at Annexure.
- (d) & (e) : The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture has no such reports.
- (f) : The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations provides financial assistance for creation of post harvest infrastructure facilities including cold storages. Besides, MPEDA and the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) are also operating schemes for providing financial assistance for construction of cold storages for the storage of fish and fishery products.