

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:37

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COLD STORAGEES

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

(a) whether there is a huge shortage in the availability of cold storage units managed by the Government, private and those under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide special incentives to private entrepreneurs for setting up of more cold storage units in the country and also allow external commercial borrowings in this sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the cold storage facilities, especially in the rural areas?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 37 DUE FOR REPLY ON 6TH AUGUST, 2013.

(a) & (b): The Committee on Encouraging Investments in Supply Chain constituted by Planning Commission estimated a shortage of 37 million tonnes in cold storage capacity in 2010. Subsequently additional cold storage capacity of 6.42 million MT has been created under schemes of National Horticulture Mission, National Horticulture Board and Ministry of Food Processing Industries etc.

(c) to (e): Horticulture Mission for North Eastern and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) provide assistance to private entrepreneurs for setting up of cold storages. National Horticulture Board (NHB) also provides assistance for construction/expansion/modernization of cold storages for horticulture produce. In addition, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and National Cooperative Development Corporation also provide incentives through their schemes for development of cold storages in the country. External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) can also be raised for investments in cold storages or cold room facilities.