

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COLD STORAGEES IN RURAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated loss of perishable vegetables/onions/tomatoes in monetary terms during each of the last three years in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has set up/ proposes to set up cold storage facilities for farmers in rural areas to minimise the loss suffered by farmers;
- (c) if so, the number of cold storages set up in rural areas in each State/UT during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to establish cold storages in the cooperative sector also?

Answer

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

(a): The Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET) (ICAR Ludhiana), has calculated estimated value of annual wastage of 7 vegetables (cabbage, cauliflower, green pea, onion, potato, tomato, tapioca) at Rs.8638 crore, Rs.10904 crore and Rs.11937 crore during 2010-11,2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively.

(b) to (d): Measures to reduce post harvest losses in fruits and vegetables is an important component of the National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and National Horticulture Board (NHB) schemes presently implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture. These include provision of subsidies for development of cold storages in public, private and cooperative sector. Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) under its schemes provides assistance for establishment of cold chain projects. State wise number of cold storage/cold chain projects established under these schemes during last three years are at Annexure – I. Further, National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is also providing assistance for setting up of cold storages in cooperative sector. NCDC has so far assisted 277 cold storages in cooperative sector.