

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COLD STORAGE FACILITIES AT PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge quantities of various types of commodities including perishable food items are spoiled due to inadequate infrastructure for handling of export and import of perishables at ports during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, port-wise, item-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up cold storages at various ports to overcome this difficulty;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose, port-wise;and
- (e) the name of ports where cold storage facilities exists alongwith the ports where this facility does not exist?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): No, Madam.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.

(e): Cold storage facilities are not available in any of the major ports.However, reefer points are available in all the container terminals to provide electricity to reefer containers.