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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) provides subsidy to the rural godown builders for developing storage capacity in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the guidelines for sanction of new projects, State-wise;
- (c) the details of target fixed to develop storage capacity during the 11th Plan Period under NABARD in the country, State-wise;
- (d) whether grant of subsidy to rural godowns builders has been stopped in some States including Madhya Pradesh;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) the time by which the said subsidy is likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. State-wise details are enclosed at Annexure-I. The Operational Guidelines of the scheme are available in the website (www.agmarknet.nic.in).

(c): Since Rural Godown Scheme is a demand-driven scheme, no State-wise targets are fixed. However, the overall target for creation of storage capacity for XI Plan is 90 lakh MTs.

(d) to (f): As per para 3 (XV) of the revised Operational Guidelines of Rural Godown Scheme applicable w.e.f. 26/06/2008, there is a restriction of capacity to a maximum of 18 lakh MT (20% of 90 lakh MT target of XI Plan) for sanction of new projects in a State.

As the State of Madhya Pradesh was close to the cap of 18 lakh MT (20% of 90 lakh MT target of XI Plan) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development and National Cooperative Development Corporation were requested to slow down the new sanctions.

During the review of scheme in the month of September, 2009, it was observed that the capacity sanctioned in Madhya Pradesh State was 17.08 lakh MT as on 30-06-2009. Hence, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development/ National Cooperative Development Corporation were requested to sanction new advance subsidy cases upto 92000 MT capacity for the State, so that it may reach to 18 lakh MT capacity.

The cases will be dealt with as per procedure laid down in operational guidelines of the scheme.