

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:855  
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COLD STORAGE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of cold storage facilities for Perishable Agro Products, available in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the said storages are fully owned and managed by the Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the details of the ownership of private air conditioned godowns;
- (e) whether the quantum of wastage of agro products has been minimised by the availability of such cold storage/godowns; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**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): As on 31-12-2008, 5386 cold storages having a capacity of 236.62 lakh MTs were available in the country. The State-wise details are attached in Annexure-I.
- (b): No, Madam.
- (c): Only 134 cold storages with a capacity of 1 lakh MT were in the Public Sector.
- (d): No data is available on private air-conditioned godown. However, out of 5386 cold storages, 4875 cold storages with a capacity of 225.71 lakh MTs are in private sector.
- (e): Availability of cold storages/godowns facilitate scientific storage of agro products which reduces their wastage. However, no information is available about the amount of reduction of wastage by these cold storages/godowns.
- (f): Does not arise.