

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2115

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GRAMIN BHANDARAN YOJANA

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

- (a) whether small farmers are unable to store their agriculture produce till the market prices are favourable due to shortage of godowns/storages;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to provide scientific storage facility for their produce and reimbursement of the expenditure incurred thereon, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has provided financial assistance for construction and renovation of godowns in rural areas of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details of the funds allocated/released by the Government to various States under the Gramin Bhandaran Yojana, during the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (d): Small and marginal farmers who have small marketable surplus do not have economic strength to retain their agricultural produce at the time of harvest and could resort to distress sale without waiting for the market prices to become favourable. Lack of storage near the farm gate further constrains the farmers from storing/holding their produce. In order to provide facility of scientific storage to the farmers in rural areas, the Government has been implementing a capital investment subsidy scheme "Gramin Bhandaran Yojana (GBY)". The GBY has since 1.4.2014 been subsumed into the Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM). Assistance is provided under the scheme @ 25% of capital cost to general category promoters and @ 33.33% to women and special category promoters. Assistance for renovation of godowns is, however, restricted to godown projects promoted by Cooperatives and is channelized through National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).

AMI Sub-scheme of ISAM is a demand driven scheme, hence, financial assistance for construction and renovation of godowns is not allocated State-wise. The details of the funds released by the Government to various States/UTs under the Gramin Bhandaran Yojana, during the last three years and under storage component of AMI sub-scheme of ISAM in the current year are annexed.