

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WAREHOUSING FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to create warehousing facilities in rural areas of the country under the Gramin Bhandaran Yojana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the total number of rural godowns constructed during each of the last three years and the number of farmers benefited, State-wise including Jharkhand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a): Yes, Madam. The Government promotes creation of scientific storage with allied facilities in rural areas through its demand driven, credit linked and back ended subsidy scheme of Grameen Bhandaran Yojana (GBY) which has, since 1.4.2014 been merged into Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) sub scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM).
- (b): State-wise details of storage capacity sanctioned under the scheme as on 31.03.2014 is at Annexure – I.
- (c): State-wise details of storage capacity created under the scheme during last three years is at Annexure – II. While the number of farmers benefitting from the scheme has not been estimated, it is likely to be quite large and would include both those that are direct beneficiaries who avail subsidy under the scheme by constructing godowns and those farmers that benefit indirectly by using such facilities and availing pledge finance.