

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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STORAGE FOR AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is no proper facility for the storage of agriculture products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the facilities currently available for the storage of agriculture products; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make any long term plan to improve the storage facility for agriculture products and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The present storage capacity available for agriculture products in the country is about 125.00 Million MT.

Further, the XII Plan Working Group on 'Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Secondary Agriculture and Policy Required for Internal and External Trade' has estimated a storage capacity gap of 35 Million MT which needs to be created during XII Plan period (2012-17).

Towards this, the Government promotes development of warehouse infrastructure through a number of measures such as.

(i) the Grameen Bhandaran Yojana (GBY) which has since 1.4.2014 been merged with Agri Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), a sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme of Agriculture Marketing (ISAM). Under this scheme a target for creation of 230 lakh MT storage capacity has been earmarked during XII Plan (2012-17).

(ii) Under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) 35% of allocation is provided for agriculture infrastructure including storage and in addition 10% of flexi funds can also be used for the same purpose for State specific projects.

(iii) National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) also assists Cooperatives in creating additional storage capacity.

(iv) The Department of Food & Public Distribution also promotes construction of warehouses under its Plan Scheme for Augmentation of Storage Capacity with a target of 3.7 lakhs MT in the XII Plan. In Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) scheme construction of warehouses including silos in PPP mode is promoted for guaranteed hiring by Food Corporation of India (FCI). Under PEG, a target of 203.76 lakh MT has been approved for construction of godowns in 19 States of which 20 lakh MT is modern silos.

(v) Additionally, under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Infrastructure Development Assistance (NIDA) direct financial support is provided to State and State Owned Entities for setting up of scientific storage facilities.

Further, 18.20 Million MT capacity is proposed to be created through its windows of Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) and Warehouse Infrastructure Fund (WIF).