

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF COLD STORAGE AND WAREHOUSES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details and number of cold storages and warehouses set up in North Eastern States including Assam;
- (b) the total quantum of incentive provided to North Eastern States including Assam so far; and
- (c) the number of cold storages and warehouses proposed to be set up in the North Eastern States, including Assam during the Twelfth Five Year Plan period?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a): As per available information, a total of 61 cold storage units and 287 warehouses have been setup in North Eastern States, including Assam. Besides, 8,70,000 MT warehouse capacity has been created under Food Corporation of India (FCI), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), and State Warehousing Corporations (SWC) schemes in North Eastern States. Details are at Annexure.

(b): An amount of Rs.2101.05 lakh has been provided to North Eastern States including Assam for setting up of cold storages.

Rs.2669.02 lakh has also been released as subsidy for setting up warehouses in North East States, including Assam.

(c): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented during 12th Five Year Plan, in all States/UTs. MIDH provides credit linked back ended subsidy at 35% of the project cost in general areas and at 50% in hilly and scheduled areas for post-harvest infrastructure including cold storages. An estimated outlay of Rs. 295.00 crore has been proposed under HMNEH component of MIDH for establishment of post-harvest component including cold chain infrastructure in the North Eastern States including Assam.

Government has been implementing Grameen Bhandaran Yojana (GBY) since April 2001 to promote creation of scientific storage (godowns/ warehouses) capacity with related facilities in rural areas to reduce post harvest losses and prevent distress sales by way of pledge finance against the stored produce. GBY has been subsumed in Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM) since 01.04.2014. This is also demand driven scheme and therefore, no State wise target has been proposed. An estimated 230 lakh MT of warehousing capacity is envisaged to be created in the country including Assam during Twelfth Five Year Plan period under GBY scheme.

Besides, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Ministry of Commerce through Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) also provide assistance for setting up of cold chain infrastructure in the country.