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Title: Need to make provision for grant of subsidy to farmers to enable them to construct godowns for foodgrains.

SHRI HARIBHAU JAWALE (RAVER): As per report of Global Hunger Index Report 22 percent of population is undernourished. By considering above facts Government is going to introduce National Food Security Bill to provide subsidized Food grains to at least 75% of population - 90% in rural areas and 50% in urban areas. Government needs about 56 million tonnes of food grains for this scheme.

Production of food grains in our country is about 225 million tones out of which 16 million tonnes of Food grain is reserved as a buffer stock. Likewise about 60 million tonnes of food grains is stored in Godowns of Food Corporation of India. But quality of this stored food grains is very poor. Procedure of storing food grains in these godowns is very old due to which food grain easily become vulnerable to Rats and other destroyers. Due to this food grains of about 50 thousands Crore Rupees gets destroyed every year. There is no use of any scientific procedure to store food grains in these godowns so that foodgrains can be stored without any damage to its quality.

Providing subsidized food to 75% of population will require huge quantity of food grains. There will also be the need of storing facility for food grains for years. But as per current scenario, capacity of present available godowns is not sufficient to store food grains required for fulfilling the proposed objectives of Food Security Bill. So to make availability of food grains to 75% population establishment of another 150 million tones food grain godowns is necessary. Government alone can't establish such a big capacity of godowns. To enhance this godown capacity, we must provide 50% subsidy to all applicant farmers.

I request to respective Ministries to make liquidity of proper fund for subsidy upto 50% on godown construction to farmers for establishing another capacity of 150 million tones godowns for food grains in entire country.