

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1835
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd JULY, 2019

COLD STORAGE AND WAREHOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

1835. DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to strengthen cold storage and warehousing infrastructure facilities in North Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of amount of funds sanctioned for this purpose?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)
THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c) Yes, sir. The Government has various schemes to strengthen cold storage and warehousing infrastructure facilities in the country, including in North Maharashtra.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing the Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure as one of the components of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana with the objective of arresting post-harvest losses of horticulture & non-horticulture produce and providing remunerative price to farmers for their produce. Under the scheme, 67 projects have been sanctioned for Maharashtra, out of which 33 have been completed and 34 are under implementation. A total amount of Rs.481.64 crore has been sanctioned for these projects, out of which Rs.277.11 crores has been released.

Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for development of Horticulture in the country including Maharashtra under which financial assistance is available, inter-alia, for setting up of Post-Harvest management (PHM) infrastructure including cold storage. An amount of Rs.2123.50 lakh has been approved for 21 cold storages in Maharashtra since inception of MIDH (2014 - 15).

Food Corporation of India (FCI) has a total capacity of 4,51,703 MT for the storage of central pool stock of foodgrains for distribution under public Distribution System in North Maharashtra (as on 28.06.2019).
