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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5005**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2019

**PRODUCTION OF GREEN VEGETABLES IN ASSAM**

5005. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the production of green vegetables in Assam;
- (b) whether the farmers sell their produce (vegetables) directly in the market, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Government cold storages to store the vegetables and the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Union Government proposes to set up a cold storage in Barpeta Parliamentary Constituency in Assam, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री ( SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): As per 2<sup>nd</sup> Advance Estimates (2018-19) of production of Horticulture Crops in the country, the details of production of green Vegetables in Assam are given at Annexure.

(b): The Government of Assam has reported that mostly farmers sell their produce directly in the local Markets and Haats. In some localities, middlemen collect the produce from farm fields in Vegetable growing areas and transport for sale in Wholesale and Town Markets.

(c) & (d): As reported by the State Government, presently following three Government Cold Storages are being run (by the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board) :-

Sl. No.	Location	District	Capacity (in Tonnes)
1	Singimari	Kamrup	2000
2	Gossaigaon	Kokrajhar	2000
3	Chenijan	Jorhat	2000

Besides, 33 Cold Storages, with capacity 1.75 Lakh tonnes, have been sanctioned for Assam upto 31.03.2019, by the National Horticulture Board (NHB), under their sub-scheme of the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) implemented by this Department. The component of Cold Storage is credit linked and back-ended subsidy (50% in case of North-East; made available to entrepreneurs, private companies, cooperatives, farmer groups), is inter-alia released only after the project has been completed and is in operation.

The component of Cold Storages is demand driven and powers have been delegated to States for sanction of projects up to Rs. 5.00 crore. This Department does not propose to set up Cold Storages directly but provides financial support to States in the form of subsidy under State Horticulture Mission (SHM) of MIDH, and the NHB. Entrepreneurs/farmers desiring to setup cold storages in Barpeta can avail the assistance by approaching SHM/NHB.

**Annexure**

Annexure referred to in answer to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5005 on "Production of Green Vegetables in Assam" due for answer on 23. 07.2019

**Production of Green Vegetables in Assam  
[2018-19 (2<sup>nd</sup> Advance Estimates)]**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Crops</b>	<b>Production (in '000 Tonnes)</b>
1	Beans	28.36
2	Bittergourd	53.21
3	Bottlegourd	52.47
4	Cabbage	698.16
5	Capsicum	3.13
6	Cucumber	80.45
8	Okra/Ladies'finger	193.32
9	Parwal/ Pointedgourd	18.61
10	Peas	31.58
11	<b>Total</b>	<b>1159.29</b>

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