

Cold Storages

+2018. PROF. R. B. S. VARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number and details of cold storages for storage and marketing of fruits and vegetables, functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of cold storages in the country, in proportion to their requirement;

(c) if so, whether Government are contemplating to open more cold storages in the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) : (a) to (d) As per details made available by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, the total number of cold storages in the country as on 31-03-2001 are 4199. The State-wise details are given in the Statement (See below)

The High Level Expert Committee constituted by the Government of India to identify constraints and suggest remedial measures in the Sector has projected creation of cold storage capacity of 12 lakh tonnes, rehabilitation/modernization of 8 lakh tonnes, and an additional 4.5 lakh tonnes for onion storage capacity in the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan. In order to give thrust to the cold storage sector, the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation have introduced a scheme entitled, "Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce". Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided in the form of back-ended capital investment subsidy by the National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomous body under the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation through National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) @ 25% of the project cost not exceeding Rs. 50.00 lakhs per project in general areas and @ 33.33% of the project cost up to a ceiling of Rs. 60 lakhs per project for North Eastern States. The scheme is demand based and the project proposal is to come from eligible organizations. Government do not construct cold storages on their own.

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Statement

STATE/UNION TERRITORY-WISE BREAK-UP OF COLD STORAGEES IN THE COUNTRY AS ON 31-03-2001.

Name of state/Union Territories	No. of Cold Storages
Andaman and Nicobar Islands (UT)	02
Andhra Pradesh	202
Arunachal Pradesh	00
Assam	19
Bihar	200
Chandigarh (UT)	06
Delhi	96
Gujarat	314
Goa	23
Haryana	201
Himachal Pradesh	16
Jammu and Kashmir	18
Kerala	156
Karnataka	110
Lakshadweep (UT)	01
Maharashtra	368
Madhya Pradesh	174
Manipur	00
Meghalaya	00
Mizoram	00
Nagaland	01
Orissa	71
Pondicherry (UT)	05
Punjab	440
Rajasthan	85
Sikkim	00
Tamil Nadu	94
Tripura	03
Uttar Pradesh	1233
West Bengal	361
TOTAL :	4199