

- 7 licenses of Seed Sellers cancelled, 39 licenses suspended and 4 First Information Report lodged in Police Station along with one case filed in the Court of Law.

The Government of Maharashtra has strengthened their seed quality control set up and as part of seed law enforcement, the samples are drawn from the processing plants, warehouses, distributors and retail dealers. Thereafter, notified seed laboratories carry the analytical part and legal actions are taken against the concerned for supplying sub-standard seeds.

Performance of agricultural universities

1851. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is satisfied with the performance of various agricultural universities in the country with respect to raising the agricultural productivity in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the measures Government proposes to take to improve their performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Detailed impact of farm techniques on growth of agriculture and allied sector is given in the Statement. [*Refer to the Statement-II USQ No. 1849 Part (b)*]

Shortage of cold storage capacity

1852. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of vegetables and fruits being produced in the country annually;

(b) whether it is a fact that shortage of cold storage capacity in the country leads to huge wastage of fruits and vegetables every year; and

(c) if so, State-wise details thereof of the cold storage capacity in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) The total quantity of vegetables and fruits

produced in the country during 2012-13 was 162.19 million MT and 81.29 million MT respectively.

(b) A study published in 2012 Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), estimated that quantum of post harvest losses, including losses due to shortage of cold storages capacity, were in the range of 5.8 to 18% in fruits and 6.8 to 12.5% in vegetables.

(c) The State-wise capacity of cold storage in the country is given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise Cold Storage Projects as on 31.03.2014

Sl. No.	States	Number	Capacity (MT)
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands (UT)	2	210
2.	Andhra Pradesh	397	1566378
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	5000
4.	Assam	30	118402
5.	Bihar	302	1406395
6.	Chandigarh (UT)	6	12216
7.	Chhattisgarh	87	427491
8.	Delhi	97	129857
9.	Goa	29	7705
10.	Gujarat	552	2017123
11.	Haryana	290	576149
12.	Himachal Pradesh	21	28182
13.	Jammu and Kashmir	24	64769
14.	Jharkhand	55	217280

Sl. No.	States	Number	Capacity (MT)
15.	Karnataka	185	514877
16.	Kerala	194	63105
17.	Lakshadweep (UT)	1	15
18.	Madhya Pradesh	257	1096168
19.	Maharashtra	511	677858
20.	Manipur	0	0
21.	Meghalaya	4	8200
22.	Mizoram	1	3471
23.	Nagaland	2	6150
24.	Odisha	110	326639
25.	Pondicherry (UT)	3	85
26.	Punjab	599	1992088
27.	Rajasthan	150	479952
28.	Sikkim	1	2000
29.	Tamil Nadu	162	295371
30.	Tripura	13	39181
31.	Uttar Pradesh	2170	13618139
32.	Uttarakhand	17	72027
33.	West Bengal	495	5860618
TOTAL		6768	31633100

As per DMI report 2010 and NHB, NHM as on 31.03.2014

Suicide by farmers in Punjab

1853. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: