

(c) As per import data released by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata, coconut has not been imported in to the country during the last five years.

Cold storage and warehousing infrastructure in Maharashtra

1454. DR. BHAGWAT KARAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to strengthen cold storage and warehousing infrastructure facilities in Marathwada region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of amount of funds sanctioned for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) to (c) Government is implementing various schemes under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of cold storages throughout the country including Maharashtra.

Schemes under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of cold storages in the country are as follows:-

- (i) **Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH):** Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) under which financial assistance is provided for various horticulture activities including setting up of cold storages. The component is demand/entrepreneur driven for which Government assistance in the form of credit linked back ended subsidy is available at the rate of 35% (for general areas) and 50% (for hilly and scheduled areas) of eligible capital cost of the project for both public and private sector enterprises.

Government of Maharashtra reported that at present there are 91145 MT capacity have been created through 25 number of cold storages with financial assistance of ₹ 2405.39 lakh under MIDH in Marathawada region of Maharashtra.

- (ii) **Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY):** Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing the Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure as one of the component of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) with the objective of reducing post-harvest losses of horticulture and non-horticulture produce and providing remunerative price to farmers for their produce. Under the scheme, Ministry provides financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid at the rate 35% for general areas and 50% for North East States, Himalayan States, ITDP areas and Islands for storage and transport infrastructure and at the rate of 50% and 75% respectively for value addition and processing infrastructure subject to a maximum of ₹10 crore per project for setting up Integrated Cold Chain projects including Irradiation facility. Standalone cold storages are not covered under the Scheme.

Further, The Government is promoting scientific storage facilities through the scheme of "Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI)", which is a sub-scheme under the Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) in the country including rural areas. Under the scheme, credit linked back ended capital investment subsidy @ 25% for plain areas and 33.33% for NER, hilly area, Women/SC/ST promoters & FPOs etc. is available for development of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Projects including storage infrastructure. Assistance under the sub-scheme is available to Individual, Agri-preneurs, Group of farmers/growers, Registered Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs), Cooperatives, and state agencies etc.

AMI scheme is a demand driven, therefore, State/UT-wise allocation has not been made under the scheme.

Fake accounts under PM-KISAN scheme

1455. SHRI P. WILSON: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more number of fake accounts are benefited under the PMKISAN scheme across the country, including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;