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RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 189
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/3/2021

COLD STORAGE AND WAREHOUSE INFRASTRUCTURE IN KARNATAKA

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to strengthen cold storage and warehouse infrastructure facilities in the country including Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of present capacity of cold storage and warehousing in the country;
- (d) whether Government has received any representations from various quarters for financial assistance to construct cold storage and warehouses in the State of Karnataka; and
- (e) if so, the details for the last three years along with the number of cold storages and warehouse infrastructure created in the State during the said period?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 189 FOR 12.3.2021 REGARDING COLD STORAGE AND WAREHOUSE INFRASTRUCTURE IN KARNATAKA.

(a) & (b): Government does not setup cold storage and warehouse of its own. However, Government is implementing various schemes under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of cold storages and warehouses for storage of agriculture produce including perishable horticulture produce throughout the country including Karnataka.

Department of Agriculture Cooperation and 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% of the project cost in general areas and at the rate of 50% of the project cost in hilly and scheduled areas. The scheme is available for all States/UTs including the State of Karnataka.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing the Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure as one of the component of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana 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 of 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 grant-in-aid of Rs. 10 crore per project for setting up integrated cold chain projects including irradiation facility without any break from the farm gate to the consumer. Standalone cold storages are not covered under the Scheme. The scheme is available for all States/UTs including the State of Karnataka.

Further, Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is implementing Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), a sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) across the country including Karnataka. It is a demand driven and back ended credit linked subsidy scheme under which rate of subsidy is 25% and 33.33% of the project cost based on the category of eligible beneficiary. Assistance under the sub-scheme is available to Individuals, Farmers, Group of Farmers/Growers, Agri-preneurs, Registered Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Cooperatives, and State agencies etc.

(c): As on 31.12.2020, 37.42 million MT capacity of cold storage and 161.73 million MT capacity of warehouse has been established in the country.

(d) & (e): The components of cold storage and warehouse under these schemes are demand/entrepreneur driven from among entrepreneurs, private companies, cooperatives, farmers groups etc for which assistance is available as credit linked back ended subsidy.

As per available information, 18 numbers of cold storages with capacity of 98711 MT have been created under MIDH scheme in the State of Karnataka during the last three years.

Similarly, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has approved 7 Integrated Cold Chain Projects with capacity of 5930 MT for financial assistance in the State of Karnataka under their Scheme of Integrated Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure during last three years.

Further, 215 number of warehouses with capacity of 240000 MT have been created under ISAM Scheme in the State of Karnataka during the last three years.
