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**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2262**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17/12/2021

**CONSTRUCTION OF WAREHOUSES IN MAHARASHTRA**

2262: SHRI SANJAY RAUT

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge requirement of financial aid for developing various modern warehouse infrastructure to assist farmers and industrial products in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details of projects under consideration/pending with NABARD and other financial institutes and amount involved therein; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to approve the various projects in Maharashtra to build more warehouses?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): The Government is implementing Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), a sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) under which assistance is provided for construction/ renovation of godowns/ warehouses in the rural areas in the States to enhance the storage capacity for agriculture produce. Under the scheme, Government provides subsidy at the rate of 25% and 33.33% on capital cost of the project based on the category of eligible beneficiary. Assistance is available to Individuals, Farmers, Group of farmers/growers, Agri-preneurs, Registered Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs), Cooperatives, and state agencies etc. The scheme is demand driven and subsidy is routed through (i) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), for the projects financed by eligible Financial Institutions (FI), (ii) National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), for projects financed by NCDC or by cooperative banks recognized by NCDC and (iii) directly through

Directorate of Marketing & Inspection (DMI), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), for own funded State Agency projects.

Since 01.04.2001 and up to 30.09.2021, a total of 40,985 storage infrastructure projects (Godowns), with storage capacity of 708.67 Lakh MT have been assisted under AMI sub-scheme in entire country. A total number of 3,669 Storage Infrastructure Projects having a capacity of 69.38 lakh MT have been sanctioned and subsidy of Rs. 287.29 crore has been released in the State of Maharashtra.

Sanctioning of projects and releasing of subsidy is a continuous process. The details of project under process with NABARD and NCDC in Maharashtra is at Annexure – I.

Further, the Government has also approved a central sector scheme viz., Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) of Rs. 1,00,000 Crore to provide a medium-long term loan facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest market infrastructure including warehousing facility and community farming assets through interest subvention and financial support. AIF provides financial support in terms of Interest Subvention and Credit Guarantee on loans for post harvest management projects like Warehouses, Cold Chains, Silos etc. and building community farming asset projects. Under the scheme, loans are provided by banks and financial institutions to Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), Marketing Cooperative Societies, Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs), Self Help Group (SHG), Farmers, Joint Liability Groups (JLG), Multipurpose Cooperative Societies, Agri-entrepreneurs, Startups and Central/State agency or Local Body sponsored Public Private Partnership Project. All loans under this financing facility have interest subvention of 3% per annum up to a limit of Rs.2 crore. This subvention is available for a maximum period of 7 years. Further, credit guarantee coverage is available for eligible borrowers from this financing facility under Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) scheme for a loan up to Rs. 2 crore. So far, Rs.4152.6 Crore have been sanctioned for 4503 warehouse projects.

**ANNEXURE-I****Projects under process with NABARD and NCDC**

Sl. No.	Name of Financial Institution	No. of Projects	Subsidy Amount (Rs. In Crores)
1.	NABARD	149	21.35
2.	NCDC	2	0.37

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