

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-334
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 04/02/2022

IMPLEMENTATION OF DHAANYA LAKSHMI SCHEME

334. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Dhaanya Lakshmi Scheme was announced in 2019-20 Budget to construct storage facilities for agriculture produce at village level;
- (b) if so, the reasons that even after two years of announcement the scheme has not been implemented so far; and
- (c) the details of constraints that Government is facing in implementing the Scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): As per the Union Budget Announcement 2019-20, it was proposed that as a backward linkage, a village storage scheme is to be run by the SHGs. This will provide farmers a good holding capacity and reduce their logistics cost. Women, SHGs shall regain their position as “Dhaanya Lakshmi”.

To promote construction of storage facilities for agricultural and allied produce at village level by women farmers and entrepreneurs, their Self Help Groups (SHGs) and other eligible beneficiaries, the Government is implementing “Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI)” scheme under the Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM). Under the scheme, subsidy @ 25% for plain areas and 33.33% for NER, hilly areas, women/SC/ST promoters, FPOs, Self Help Groups (SHGs) etc. is available for development of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Projects including storage infrastructure. The subsidy to women farmers and entrepreneurs including women Self Help Groups (SHGs) is provided at a higher rate i.e. @33.33% instead of 25%.
