

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3400**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31/03/2023

**NUMBER OF COLD STORAGES**

3400. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

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

- (a) the number of cold storages present across the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the current number of cold storages fulfill the national requirement;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken by Government to increase the cold storages across the country?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): As per available information, there are 8457 number of cold storages across country. The State/UT- wise details of cold storage are at **Annexure**.

As per the study on “All India Cold-chain Infrastructure Capacity (AICIC-2015)” conducted by NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS) reported the capacity of cold storages required at that time was 351.00 lakh MT against the existing capacity of 318.23 lakh MT in 2014. However, the present capacity of cold storages is 380.80 million MT in the country.

Government is implementing various schemes under which financial assistance is available for various horticulture activities including setting up of cold storage to increase the number of cold storage for horticulture produce across the country.

Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) under which financial assistance is provided for various horticulture activities including construction/Expansion/ Modernization of cold storages of capacity up to 5000 MT across the country. 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

50% of the project cost in hilly and scheduled areas through respective State Horticulture Missions.

Besides, National Horticulture Board (NHB) is implementing a scheme namely “Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion /Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Products”. Under the scheme, credit linked back-ended subsidy at the rate of 35% of the capital cost of the project in general areas and 50% in case of North East, hilly & scheduled areas for construction/expansion/modernization of cold storage and Controlled Atmosphere (CA) storage of capacity above 5000 MT and up to 10000 MT is available. In case of North East region, the units with capacity above 1000 MT are also eligible for assistance.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI) is implementing a 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 and 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. 10.00 crore per project for setting up of integrated cold chain projects including irradiation facility. Standalone cold storages are not covered under the Scheme.

Further, to strengthen agriculture infrastructure in the country, Government has launched Agriculture Infrastructure Funds (AIF) of Rs. 1.00 lakh crore. Under AIF, there is provision for collateral free term loan upto Rs. 2.00 crore and interest subvention of 3% on the term loan availed for creation of post-harvest infrastructure including establishment of cold storages.

## State/UT- wise details of cold storage across the country as on 26.03.2023

| S. No. | Name of the State              | Number      |
|--------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 1      | Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT) | 4           |
| 2      | Andhra Pradesh & Telangana     | 440         |
| 3      | Arunachal Pradesh              | 2           |
| 4      | Assam                          | 43          |
| 5      | Bihar                          | 312         |
| 6      | Chandigarh (UT)                | 7           |
| 7      | Chhattisgarh                   | 99          |
| 8      | Delhi                          | 97          |
| 9      | Goa                            | 29          |
| 10     | Gujarat                        | 994         |
| 11     | Haryana                        | 374         |
| 12     | Himachal Pradesh               | 84          |
| 13     | Jammu & Kashmir                | 83          |
| 14     | Jharkhand                      | 59          |
| 15     | Karnataka                      | 236         |
| 16     | Kerala                         | 201         |
| 17     | Lakshadweep (UT)               | 1           |
| 18     | Madhya Pradesh                 | 312         |
| 19     | Maharashtra                    | 632         |
| 20     | Manipur                        | 2           |
| 21     | Meghalaya                      | 4           |
| 22     | Mizoram                        | 3           |
| 23     | Nagaland                       | 5           |
| 24     | Orissa                         | 181         |
| 25     | Pondicherry (UT)               | 3           |
| 26     | Punjab                         | 737         |
| 27     | Rajasthan                      | 189         |
| 28     | Sikkim                         | 2           |
| 29     | Tamil Nadu                     | 187         |
| 30     | Telangana                      | 101         |
| 31     | Tripura                        | 14          |
| 32     | Uttar Pradesh                  | 2445        |
| 33     | Uttarakhand                    | 60          |
| 34     | West Bengal                    | 515         |
|        | <b>Total</b>                   | <b>8457</b> |

(Source: Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (DMI) upto 2009, National Horticulture Board (NHB), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH) and MoFPI

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