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RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 25
ANSWERED ON 03/02/2023

BUMPER CROP OF GUAVA AND SWEET LEMON

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

- (a) whether there is a bumper crop of guava in Sawai Madhopur and sweet lemon in Jhalawar of Rajasthan and farmers of these crops here are forced to throw away their produce for want of fair price;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up composting units and larger cold storage infrastructure in the above mentioned districts, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount allocated for the construction of composting units and cold storages in Rajasthan during last three years ; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government for construction of cold storage infrastructure and composting units in other districts of Rajasthan?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 25 DUE FOR REPLY ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 2023 REGARDING BUMPER CROP OF GUAVA AND SWEET LEMON.

(a): As per the information received from the State Government, there is no situation where the guava farmers of Sawai Madhopur and sweet lemon farmers of Jhalawar of Rajasthan have to throw away their produce for want of fair price due to bumper production.

(b): Government is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for holistic development of horticulture in the country. Under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) i.e. a sub-scheme of MIDH, assistance is also provided for setting up of cold storages units.

Under MIDH, powers have been delegated to State Level Executive Committee (SLEC) for sanction of projects (including cold storages) up to the cost of Rs. 500.00 lakh and as a set procedure State duly incorporate the said projects under its Annual Action Plan. The Cold storage projects having a cost of more than Rs. 500.00 lakhs and having a capacity of >5000 MT to 10,000 MT have to be received in the Ministry for approval. During the last three years proposal for no such cold storage projects have been received in the Ministry for approval.

(c) & (d): Details of the funds allocated for Rajasthan in its Annual Action Plan under MIDH for creation of Cold Storages are as under:

Year	No. of Cold Storages (No.)	Funds Allocated (Rs. in lakh)
2020-21	3	420.00
2021-22	3	420.00
2022-23	1	140.00

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.

NHB has released subsidy for 6 nos. of cold storages in the State of Rajasthan involving financial assistance of Rs. 957.217 lakh with capacity of 38859.63 MT during the last three years & current year from 2019-20 to 2022-23 (upto 31.01.2023).

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.

The details of Cold Storage Projects Sanctioned under AIF in the state of Rajasthan Since July 2020 are given below:

S.No.	District	Number	Sanctioned Amount (In Rs Crores)
1	Jodhpur	3	5
2	Bikaner	2	4
3	Jaipur	3	4
4	Udaipur	2	3
5	Ajmer	2	3
6	Ganganagar	2	2
7	Dholpur	1	2
8	Hanumangarh	1	2
9	Nagaur	1	2
10	Sirohi	1	2
	Total	18	29
