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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4313**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025

**CONSTRUCTION OF WAREHOUSES/GODOWNS THROUGH AMI SCHEME**

4313. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:  
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to construct warehouses/godowns through Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) scheme or through NAFED;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Soybean farmers of Dharashiv district in Maharashtra are facing post-harvest crop losses due to lack of adequate storage facilities;
- (d) if so, the estimated quantity of such loss along with the economic loss caused thereby and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such losses being suffered by the farmers?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): 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 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, Agripreneurs, Registered Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs), Cooperatives, and state agencies etc. The scheme is demand driven.

(c) & (d): In Dharashiv district of Maharashtra, 6 storage projects were sanctioned under AMI, creating a storage capacity of 21,027 MT, with a total subsidy release of ₹36.75 lakh. Additionally, under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), 20 warehouse projects have been sanctioned with a loan amount of ₹18.40 crore as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Efforts under schemes like AIF and AMI are significantly improving access to scientific storage, thereby reducing the risk of potential crop damage and improving market readiness.

(e): In order to address the post-harvest losses, in addition to AMI and AIF, Government is implementing various schemes under which financial assistance is provided:-

- (i) For storage facilities under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) financial assistance is provided for various horticulture activities including construction/Expansion/ Modernization of cold storages of capacity up to 5000 MT in the country on the basis of Annual Action Plan (AAP) received from States/UTs. For Cold Storage 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.
- (ii) Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) play a significant role in reducing post-harvest losses, as they help farmers by providing collective strength, resources, and access to better technologies and practices. In Central Sector Scheme for "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)", 10,000 FPOs have been registered.
- (iii) Further, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) implements Central Sector Umbrella Scheme - PMKSY to create post-harvest infrastructure and processing facilities to boost the overall development of the food processing sector, including reduction in post-harvest losses. The component schemes under PMKSY provide credit linked financial assistance (capital subsidy) in the form of grants-in-aid to entrepreneurs for setting up of food processing/preservation infrastructure which, inter-alia, includes cold storages and refrigerated vehicles to minimize post-harvest losses.

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