

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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POTATO PRODUCTION  
RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether glut in potato production have been reported from various parts of the country this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to draw a long-term plan for providing storage, processing and preserving facilities for potato;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. No State Govt. has reported about the glut in potato production in the country.

(c) to (e): The National Horticulture Board (NHB) under the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing since December, 1999 the `Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of cold storages and storages for Horticulture Produce` including potato by providing capital investment subsidy @25% of the project cost with a maximum limit of Rs.50.00 lakh and for North-Eastern/Tribal/Hilly areas @ 33.3% with a maximum limit of Rs 60.00 lakhs. Under the scheme additional capacity of 36.54 lakh tonne has since been created with the sanction of 801 cold storage projects. The Ministry of Food Processing Industry, is also promoting establishment of infrastructure facilities through financial assistance for setting up/expansion/modernization of food processing units including potato.