

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSALS FOR SETTING UP OF COLD STORAGES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals received by the Government for setting up of cold storages in the country and implemented during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether any amendment made by the Government in Agricultural Produce Marketing Regulation Act to allow the private sector; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): Government received 834 Number of Proposals for setting up cold storages in the country during last three years. State wise is annexed.

(b)&(c): Under the Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act (APMC Act), which is the existing law dealing with agricultural markets, the State Governments alone are empowered to initiate the process of setting up of markets for agricultural commodities. A model Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development & Regulation) Act has been circulated by this Ministry to all the States to guide them in bringing changes in the APMC Act for the development of competitive markets in private and cooperative sectors. Seven States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Nagaland, Rajasthan and Sikkim, have amended their APMC Act to allow the establishment of competitive markets in the private and cooperative sector.

Annexure

State-wise details of number of projects implemented during last three years upto March 2005 and Current Year (upto 31.10.2005).

S.No. Name of the State 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05

1. Punajb	8	7	19
2. Haryana	4	7	4
3. Tamil Nadu	4	0	8
4. Himachal Pradesh	1	0	0
5. Uttar Pradesh	49	148	124
6. Uttranchal	0	0	0
7 Maharashtra	29	13	82
8. Rajasthan	4	1	6
9. Karnataka	20	0	5
10. Gujarat	5	136	2
11. Orissa	9	1	3
12. Madhya Pradesh	5	10	6
13. Chhattisgarh	5	2	2
14. West Bengal	9	4	9
15. Andhra Pradesh	2	1	8
16. Assam	3	1	0
17. Bihar	5	18	23
18. Jharkhand	4	4	6
19. Tripura	1	0	0
20. Delhi	0	1	1
21. Kerala	0	0	0
22. Nagaland	1	0	0
23. Goa	1	0	0
24. Arunachal Pradesh	0	1	0
Total	173	353	308