

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2613
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SUBSIDY FOR COLD STORAGE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The criteria laid down to provide subsidy for construction of cold storage by National Horticulture Board (NHB) ;
- (b) Whether the NHB proposes to increase subsidy for construction of cold storage keeping in view the prevailing rates of building material ;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) If not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

- (a) : National Horticulture Board is providing subsidy for construction of cold storage @25% of the project cost not exceeding Rs.50 lakhs per project in the general areas and @33.33% of the project cost with a ceiling of Rs.60 lakhs per project for North-Eastern region. The capacity of the cold storages is calculated on the basis of 3.4 cubic meters per tonne or 120 cubic feet per tonne and the unit cost is Rs.4000 per metric tonne.
- (b) & (c): No, Sir.
- (d) :The present level of subsidy is adequate.