

COLD STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY

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As per available information, there are 8186 number of cold storages with capacity of 374.25 Lakh MT is available in the country for storing perishable horticulture produce like fruits and vegetables. State/UT wise details of cold storage is at **Annexure – I**.

The information regarding capacity utilization, real time data regarding availability, cost etc on cold storage facilities for farmers and traders etc. is not centrally maintained by the Ministry. There is no real-time monitoring System.

A study on All India Cold-chain Infrastructure Capacity (AICIC-2015) carried out by NABARD Consultancy Service (NABCONS) assessed requirement of 350 lakh MT capacity of cold storage for perishable fruits and vegetables. Currently, there is 374.25 Lakh MT capacity of cold storages is available in the country.

Government is implementing following schemes under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of cold storages throughout the country to bridge the gap between availability and required cold storage capacity:

Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) under which financial assistance is provided for various horticulture activities including setting up of cold storages. The component is demand/entrepreneur driven for which Government assistance in the form of credit linked back ended subsidy is available at the rate of 35% (for general areas) and 50% (for hilly and scheduled areas) of eligible capital cost of the project for both public and private sector enterprises.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing the Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure as one of the component of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) with the objective of reducing post-harvest losses of horticulture & non-horticulture produce and providing remunerative price to farmers for their produce. Under the scheme, Ministry provides financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid at the rate 35% for general areas and 50% for North East States, Himalayan States, ITDP areas and Islands for storage and transport infrastructure and at the rate of 50% and 75% respectively for value addition and processing infrastructure subject to a maximum of Rs.10 crore per project for setting up Integrated Cold Chain projects including Irradiation facility. Standalone cold storages

are not covered under the Scheme.

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Annexure-I

State wise distribution of Cold Storages as on 31.08.2020

S. No.

Name of the State

Total

No.

Capacity (MT)

1

Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT)

3

810

2

Andhra Pradesh & Telangana

405

1567664

Arunachal Pradesh	3	2	6000
Assam	4	39	178096
Bihar	5	311	1479122
Chandigarh (UT)	6	7	12462
Chhattisgarh	7	99	487292
Delhi	8	97	129857
Goa	9	29	

		7705
	10	
Gujarat		969
		3822112
	11	
Haryana		359
		819809
	12	
Himachal Pradesh		76
		146769
	13	
Jammu & Kashmir		69
		250169
	14	
Jharkhand		58
		236680
	15	
Karnataka		223
		676832
	16	
Kerala		

		199
		81705
	17	
Lakshadweep (UT)		1
		15
	18	
Madhya Pradesh		302
		1293574
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Maharashtra		619
		1009693
	20	
Manipur		2
		4500
	21	
Meghalaya		4
		8200
	22	
Mizoram		3
		4001
	23	

Nagaland		3
		7150
	24	
Orissa		179
		572966
	25	
Pondicherry (UT)		3
		85
	26	
Punjab		697
		2315096
	27	
Rajasthan		180
		611831
	28	
Sikkim		2
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Tamil Nadu		183
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Telangana		74	
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Tripura		14	
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Uttar Pradesh		2406	
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Uttarakhand		55	
			191314
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West Bengal		514	
			5947311
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(Source: Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (DMI) upto 2009, National Horticulture Board (NHB), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), [Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan \(HMNEH\)](#) & Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI))

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