

Cold Storage Units

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Ministry of Food Processing Industries is presently assisting 236 integrated cold chain projects.

Operationalization of 236 cold chain projects envisages creation of a cold chain capacity of 7.68 lakh MT of Cold Storage/Controlled Atmosphere/Deep Freezer Storage, 215 MT/Hr of Individual Quick Freeze, 110.49 lakh LitrePer Day of Milk Processing/Storage and 1400 nos. of Reefer Vehicles. Out of this, Ministry has so far created a capacity of 3.98 lakh metric tonnes of cold storage, 104.39 metric tonnes per hour of Individual Quick Freezing (IQF), 39.83 lakh litres per day of Milk processing/ storage and 591 reefer vans. A study was undertaken by National Centre for Cold Chain Development (NCCD), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in 2015 on All India Cold-Chain Infrastructure Capacity (Assessment of Status & Gap) to assess the requirement for cold chain infrastructure in the country. The study has made the following analysis of cold chain infrastructure:

Type of Infrastructure	Infrastructure Requirement(A)	Infrastructure created (B)
Pack-house	70,080 nos.	249 nos.
Cold Storage (Bulk)	34,164,411 MT	31,823,700 MT
Cold Storage (Hub)	9,36,251 MT	
Reefer Vehicles	61826 nos.	9000 nos.
Ripening Chamber	9131 nos.	812 nos.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Ministry of Food Processing Industries Ms. Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha.

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