

## **Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) Sub Scheme of ISAM**

The Directorate of Marketing & Inspection (DMI) an attached office of the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare is implementing Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), a sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM),. The scheme is effective from 01.04.2014 and was created after subsume of erstwhile Grameen Bhandaran Yojana (being implemented since 01.04.2001) and Scheme for Development/Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading & Standardization ( being implemented since 20.10.2004) .The main objectives of the scheme are (i) to develop Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure including storage infrastructure for effectively managing marketable surplus of Agriculture including horticulture and allied sectors including dairy, poultry, fishery, livestock and minor forest produce. (ii) to promote creation of scientific storage capacity for storing farm produce, processed farm produce and agricultural inputs etc. to reduce post-harvest and handling losses, (iii) to provide infrastructure facilities for grading, standardization and quality certification of agricultural produce and to promote pledge financing and marketing credit, negotiable warehousing receipt system. It is a credit linked, capital investment back end subsidy Central Sector Sub-scheme.

A total No. of 37,574 storage infrastructure projects since inception w.e.f. 01-04-2001 till 30-09-2016 with storage capacity of 62.64 million MT were sanctioned under the scheme. In addition to above a total of 18205 other than storage infrastructure projects since inception w.e.f. 20-10-2004 till 30-09-2016 were sanctioned under the scheme.