

GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

REFORM PROPOSAL AND DRAFT LEGISLATION

BIHAR SHEETAL ACT, 2026

Simplified, Hassle-free, Equitable, Energy-efficient and Trust-based Agro-Logistics

Formal legislative title proposed

The Bihar Cold Chain Infrastructure (Facilitation, Regulation and Farmer Access) Bill, 2026

Purpose

Replacement of the Bihar State Regulation of Cold Storages Act, 1992 and the Bihar State Regulation of Cold Storage Licensing Rules, 1993 with a trust-based, digital, risk-proportionate and investment-facilitating framework that protects farmer access and essential safety.

WORKING DRAFT FOR INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATION
AND LAW DEPARTMENT VETTING

Status, Source Basis and Legal Caution

This document is a policy-legislative working draft. It is intended to support departmental consultation and formal drafting by the Law Department.

The sources used in the drafting are Agriculture Department letter no. 6085 dated 28 July 2026, referring to General Administration Department letter no. 13419 dated 23 July 2026 under the compliance-reduction/deregulation exercise, together with the Bihar State Regulation of Cold Storages Act, 1992, the Bihar State Regulation of Cold Storage Licensing Rules, 1993, the 2000 Amendment Act, the 2002 Amendment Rules and prescribed forms.

The draft also takes into account, the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2007, the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, contemporary NCCD/MIDH technical standards, the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund framework and Bihar's industrial-investment and single-window architecture. Exact application and interaction must be verified during legal vetting.