

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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LOSSES DUE TO NON-AVAILABILITY OF MODERN STORAGE FACILITY

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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Food Processing Industry is incurring losses and is not getting promotion for want of modern storage facility;
- (b) if so, the details of the losses incurred during the last three years as a result thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to minimise the losses?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (c): While Food Processing Industries have grown at a rate higher than overall GDP growth in IX Plan, infrastructure constraints including for modern storage facilities has been identified as one of the inhibitors to greater growth of Food Processing Industry in the country which also affects the better utilization of different crops. According to a Working Group on Post-harvest Management, Marketing & Exports set up in 1995, post-harvest losses in different crops range from 8% to 37%. These occur during different stages after harvest.

To promote development of infrastructure including modern storage facilities for food processing industries, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries provides financial assistance for setting up of value added centres, food parks, cold storages/cold chain, irradiation facilities, packaging centres etc. Besides, assistance is also provided by other agencies like National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA), National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC) etc. under their respective schemes.