

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

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

(a) whether his Ministry has details of the amount of losses incurred during the last three years due to poor infrastructural facilities available for food processing sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) to (b) : According to the Vision 2015 report prepared by Rabo India Finance Pvt. Ltd., wastage of Agricultural food items, (including fruits) is estimated to be about Rs. 58000 Crore annually, occurring at various stages of handling due to lack of adequate post harvest infrastructure viz. Farm level storage, cold chain, transportation, proper storage & marketing facilities etc. The Government, through its schemes for financial assistance and other promotional measures, facilitates creation of food related infrastructure aimed at reducing wastages, enhancing value addition and increasing shelf life.