

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

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COLD CHAINS IN ORISSA  
Majhi Shri Pradeep Kumar

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from the State Government of Orissa for setting up of cold chains in the State;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the number of food parks sanctioned for Orissa till date; and
- (d) the details of employment generated and revenues earned therefrom by the State so far?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No Sir, MFPI has not received any proposal from the State Government of Orissa for setting up of cold chain during 11th Plan. To encourage setting up of cold chain facilities in the country, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has a Plan Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure during the 11th Plan to provide financial assistance to project proposals received from public / private organizations for cold chain infrastructure development. The scheme envisages financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 50% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 75% for North Eastern Region and difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs.10.00 crore. Ministry has already accorded approval to 10 cold chain projects during 2008-09 in States i.e. Maharashtra, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Haryana. MFPI's scheme is project specific, not State specific".

(c) & (d): MFPI has sanctioned one food park located at Khurda near Bhubaneswar of an estimated project cost of Rs. 990.73 lakh, which is implemented by Orissa Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation. 11 no. of food processing units are operating in the park and about 1500 direct employments have been generated on account of setting up of the said food park.