

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

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

- (a) the details of benefits to farmers with integrated pack house and vapour heat treatment plants for treatment of fruits like mangoes, bananas, apples and tomatoes etc., alongwith the location of such plants, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government providing incentives, subsidies and loan facilities to farmers to establish these plants; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Integrated pack houses / vapour heat treatment (VHT) plants help the farmers to process the fresh produce under temperature controlled conditions and thus in retaining the fresh quality of the produce till it reaches the consumers end. Resultantly, the farmer is able to save the produce from deteriorating and get better remuneration for his produce. Presently, VHT treated mangoes are exported to Japan from India. Integrated pack houses have been set up with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) assistance in the states of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh etc.

APEDA assisted VHT facilities are located at:

- (i) Maharashtra State Agriculture Marketing Board, Vashi, Navi Mumbai.
- (ii) Andhra Pradesh State Agro Industries Development Corporation Ltd. at Nuzvid.
- (iii) Andhra Pradesh State Agro Industries Development Corporation Ltd. at Tirupathi.
- (iv) U.P. Mandi Parishad at Saharanpur.
- (v) Namdhari Farm Fresh, Nashik.
- (vi) Galla Foods Pvt Ltd., Chittoor.

(b) & (c): APEDA provides financial assistance to registered exporters for setting up of infrastructure facilities like integrated pack houses @25% of the cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 25 lakh per beneficiary and @ 50% of the cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 25 lakh per beneficiary for setting up of vapour heat treatment plant. In addition, the State Government establishments are provided financial assistance for setting up of integrated pack house and VHT plants to the extent of 100% of the eligible project cost.