

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to build sustainable supply chains, which will link the farmers to the processing and marketing centres:
- (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) whether suggestions have been received from State Governments including Andhra Pradesh to streamline supply chains in the interest of the food growers:
- (d) if so, the details thereof: and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Under the 11th Plan Schemes, Government has approved Infrastructure Development Scheme for Mega Food Park which aims at providing excellent infrastructure facilities for food processing industries along the supply chain from farm to market. The Scheme provides for hub and spoke model under which there will be farm proximate Collection Centres (CC) and Primary Processing Centres (PPC) which will facilitate for cleaning, grading, sorting and packing facilities, dry warehouses, specialised cold stores including pre-cooking chambers, ripening chambers, reefer vans, mobile pre-coolers and mobile collection vans. The CCs and PPCs will be linked to Central Processing Centres (CPC) where facilities like testing laboratory, cleaning, grading, sorting and packing facilities, dry warehouses, specialized storage facilities including Controlled Atmospheric Chambers, Presser Ventilators, variable humidity stores, pre-cooking chambers, ripening chambers, cold chain infrastructure including reefer vans, packaging units, irradiation facilities, steam sterilization units, steam generating units, food incubation cum development centres etc.

To promote setting up of the cold storages in the country, Government is operating several Plan Schemes under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of cold storages / cold chain facilities. 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. The initiatives are aimed at filling the gaps in the supply chain, strengthening of cold chain infrastructure, establishing value addition with infrastructural facilities like sorting, grading, packaging and processing for horticulture including organic produce, marine, dairy, poultry, etc. Other agencies of the Government like Deptt. of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processing Food Products Development Authority (APEDA), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and State Government also provide assistance for cold storages under their respective schemes. Rs. 210 crore has been allocated to MFPI for the purpose of development of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure during the 11th Plan.

(c) & (d): No such proposal has been received.

(e): Does not arise in view of c & d.