

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

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POST-HARVEST FACILITIES

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

- (a) whether a large amount of food is wasted in the country due to lack of postharvest facilities and cold storage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has set any target to reduce such losses during the XI Five Year Plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether India's export of processed food in global trade is very less as compared to the neighbouring/developed countries; and
- (f) if so, the comparative details of status of food processing industries and export made in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Due to fragmented supply chain and lack of adequate processing infrastructure along the value chain, the processing levels in the country are quite low resulting in considerable amount of wastage of agri and horticulture produce.

As per a study conducted by the Central Institute for Post Harvest Engineering and Technology, Ludhiana, post harvest losses in 2009 were estimated to be Rs. 44,530 crores.

(c) & (d): The Government has adopted Vision 2015 which has suggested strategy to ensure faster growth of the food processing sector. The adopted Vision 2015 provide for enhancing the level of processing of perishable to 20%, enhancing value addition to 35%.

In the 11th Plan, the Ministry is implementing a plan scheme to establish Mega Food Parks with a view to provide state-of-the-art infrastructure facilities for Food Processing Sector in the Country on pre-identified cluster basis with a strong backward and forward linkages and to provide value addition of agricultural commodities including poultry, meat, dairy, fisheries etc. in a demand driven. The scheme envisages financial assistance in the form of grants- in-aid upto 50% of the project cost excluding land component in general areas and upto 75% of the project cost in the difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 crores.

(e) & (f): The share of India's Export of processed food in Global Trade is approximately 1.5%. The quantity of products exported and its value for 2008-09, 2009-10 and upto October month of 2010-11 is given below: -

(Qty in MT and Value in Rs. Lakh)

	2008-09		2009-10		2010-11	
Product	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Value	
	(Apr-Oct)					
Processed	844881.31	316351.91	808920.46	312051.35	154803.21	
fruits	(687.87)	(658.33)	(336.53)			
and						
vegetables						
Other	2433913.43	690204.79	1016333.64	518677.64	397899.05	
processed	(1500.77)	(1094.25)	(865.00)			
foods						
Total	3278794.74	1006556.7	1825254.1	83072.99	552702.26	
	(2188.64)	(1752.58)	(1201.53)			

Figures in Parenthesis are in terms of million US \$
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