

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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PROCESSING OF FRUITS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated quantity of fruits which gets perished due to non-consumption out of the estimated quantity of fruits produced in the country that can be processed;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any policy scheme for the use of fruits which get perished due to lack of processing facilities; and
- (c) if so, the targeted quantity of total fruits produced to be processed in the country by the end of the 11th Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a): The data on estimated quantity of fruits which gets perished due to non-consumption out of the estimated quantity of fruits produced in the country is not maintained.

(b): In order to minimize wastage of fruit & vegetables, Ministry is encouraging setting up of 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.

(c): Vision 2015 Document has been finalized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI), which envisages tripling the size of the processed food sector by increasing the level of processing of perishables from 6% to 20%, value addition from 20% 35% and share in global food trade from 1.5% to 3% by 2015.