

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:263

ANSWERED ON:13.12.2011

COLD STORAGE FACILITY

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

- (a) the percentage of agricultural/horticultural produce preserved in cold storages in each State/Union Territory at present;
- (b) whether there is acute shortage of cold storage facilities in various parts of the country;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up cold storage facility under Public Private Partnership mode in the near future and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has made any assessment of the cold storage requirement for the country by 2015; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to set up a chain of cold storages, at various places?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 263 FOR ANSWER ON 13.12.2011 REGARDING COLD STORAGE FACILITY

(a): Cold Storages are a de-regulated activity with private sector management and control. This Ministry does not collect/maintain data on quantities of produce preserved in cold storage.

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Food Processing has approved 49 projects so far for establishing cold chain facilities to be implemented by the private/co-operative sectors. These projects are eligible for grants-in-aid in accordance with the Plan Scheme for this purpose.

(d): A study conducted by the National Spot Exchange Ltd. (NSEL) in December, 2010 analyzed production, consumption and shelf life pattern of major fruits and vegetables. The Study has estimated cold storage requirements of 61.13 million tonnes in the country. The present capacity of cold storage has been worked out at 23.51 million MT. The cold storage gap of about 38 million metric tons has been worked out on the basis of peak season production and highest arrival/harvesting of storable fruits and vegetables in a month.

(e): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) through its various schemes for financial assistance and other promotional measures, facilitates creation of post harvest processing infrastructure including processing facilities aimed at reducing wastages, enhancing value addition and increasing shelf life in the country.

Under the Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure 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% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works is provided by the Ministry in 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 National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and State Government also provide assistance for cold storages under their respective schemes.