

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

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COLD STORAGE CAPACITIES

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to increase the capacity of the existing cold storage and food processing units in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of such units in the States, and the details of the units the Government proposes to set up during 2012-13 in the country, State-wise; and
- (d) the funds allocated for the purpose during the current year?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries implements the Scheme of Integrated Cold Chain, Value Addition & Preservation Infrastructure (part of scheme of Infrastructure Development) and under which it provides 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 in difficult areas including North- Eastern states subject to a maximum of Rs.10.00 crore for strengthening and value addition of cold chain infrastructure. Other Government of India organizations like National Horticulture Mission (NHM), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and State Governments also provide assistance for cold storages under their respective schemes. "Creation and Management of cold chain infrastructure" for agriculture has also been identified as a thrust area by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

The Ministry under its 11th Plan Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries (FPIs) extends the financial assistance for setting up of new food processing units as well as technological upgradation and expansion of existing units in the country. Ministry extends financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid to entrepreneurs @ 25% of the cost of Plant and Machinery and Technical Civil Works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs per project in general areas and @ 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs per project in difficult areas.

(c): Ministry had accorded approval for 10 nos. of Integrated cold chain projects in the year 2008-09 and another 39 projects during 2011-12. Out of these 49 projects, 11 were cancelled. For these 11 projects, notice of EOI have been issued afresh. Government has also approved taking up additional 30 projects with a grant-in-aid of Rs. 231 crore. Out of these 30 projects, the Ministry has already approved 18 projects in the current year (2012-13). The State wise details of approved integrated cold chain projects is at Annexure-1.

State-wise details of food processing units assisted in the country during the 11th Five Year Plan & 2012-13 is at Annexure-II

(d): The budget allocation for the scheme of integrated cold chain for the year 2012-13 is Rs. 86.00 crore and Rs. 100.00 crores for Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries.