

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF COLD CHAINS

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

- (a) the number and value of investment proposals received and approved by the Union Government for setting up of cold chains in the country after the revised guidelines for the Eleventh Five Year Plan came into effect, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the number and value of foreign direct investment proposals received in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to attract greater investment in the setting up of cold chains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): After revision of the scheme guidelines on 18.03.2010, the Ministry has issued 4 Expression of Interests (EOIs) inviting applications for setting up of integrated cold chain projects and received a total of 349 applications. The details of applications received against each EOI is at Annexure-1. Out of these applications, 46 projects have been approved so far. State-wise number of projects approved alongwith value of investment of the 46 projects is at Annexure-2.

(b): Nil.

(c) & (d): To attract greater investment in setting up of integrated cold chain, the 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.