

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:249

ANSWERED ON:11.12.2012

SHORTAGE OF FPIS

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

- (a) whether the farmers are incurring losses due to non-availability of adequate Food Processing Industries (FPIs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has sought external assistance from the developed countries for setting up of FPIs and if so, the details thereof, country-wise;
- (d) the assistance provided by these countries for the development of FPIs in the country; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to set up FPIs under Public -Private Partnership mode?

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 PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.249 FOR ANSWER ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2012 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF FPIS

(a)&(b): As per the report of Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET) Ludhiana, published in April, 2010, based on nationwide study conducted in 106 randomly selected districts of India during 2005 to 2007, the extent of losses in various agri-horticultural crops varies from 5-18 %. The value of annual losses of agriculture produce was estimated at about Rs.44,000 crores at 2009 wholesale prices.

(c) : No, Madam.

(d) : Does not arise.

(e): The Government is implementing a number of schemes including setting up of Mega Food Parks, Integrated Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure, Setting up/Modernization of Abattoirs, Technology Up-gradation/Establishment /Modernization of food processing industries for setting up of FPIs and to catalyze growth in the food processing sector. A National Mission on Food Processing has been launched as a new centrally sponsored scheme from 2012-13 to give further impetus to this sector through decentralization and better outreach. However, there is no scheme for setting up of FPIs under Public Private Partnership mode.