

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing various schemes for the promotion and development of the food processing sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the assistance provided under these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme and State-wise;
- (c) the number of units benefited so far from such assistance and the extent to which post harvest crop losses have been reduced during the said period, State-wise; and
- (d) the targets set and allocation made during the 12th Five Year Plan under these schemes for the development of the food processing sector, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 418 FOR ANSWER ON 23rd APRIL, 2013 REGARDING SCHEMES FOR FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR.

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Government is implementing the schemes of Infrastructure Development with components, Mega Food Parks, Integrated Cold Chain Projects and Modernization/ Setting up of Abattoirs; Technology Up-gradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of food processing industries; Quality Assurance, Codex Standards, R&D, Establishment of Food Testing Laboratories and other Promotional Activities; Human Resource Development; Strengthening of Institutions for promotion and development of the food processing sector in the country. With a view to give further thrust to the sector, Government has launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme- National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) on 1.4.2012 for its implementation with active participation of the State/ UT Governments.

The State-wise details of the assistance provided in the last three years under various schemes are given in the Annexure A (colly.)

(c) According to a study undertaken by the Central Institute of Post Harvest Technology released in 2010 the extent of harvest and post harvest losses of major agricultural produces at national level are as follows:

Percentage of losses estimated for major produces

Crop Cumulative wastage (per cent)

Cereals 3.9 - 6.0 per cent

Pulses 4.3-6.1 per cent

Oil seeds 2.8-10.1 per cent

Fruits & Vegetables 5.8-18.0 per cent

Milk 0.8 per cent

Fisheries (Inland) 6.9 per cent

Fisheries (Marine) 2.9 per cent

Meat 2.3 per cent

Poultry 3.7 per cent

No estimates are available for subsequent change in the level of losses at the national level. However an evaluation study of the scheme for cold chain implemented till date, reveals that the wastage of vegetables and fruit has come down to 20% – 30% from 20% - 40% (reduction of 30%), while the wastage of milk and other dairy products has come down to 10% - 15% from 20% - 30% (reduction of 50%) due to cold chain infrastructure in the locality. The number of units assisted under various schemes, State-wise, is given at Annexure A (colly.)

(d) The Planning Commission has allocated an amount of Rs.5990 crores during the XII Plan for the Food Processing Sector to implement the various Plan Schemes in the country. The scheme wise allocation is given in the Annexure B. There is no allocation State wise at present for the entire XII Plan period.