

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

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FOOD PROCESSING FACILITIES

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the losses suffered due to inadequate food processing facilities in the industry during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted any high level committee to study the reasons on the aforesaid matter;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the major recommendations made in this regard and the action taken thereon, so far; and
- (e) the fund sanctioned, released and utilized for improvement and up-gradation of food processing facilities during the said period?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): A nation-wide study on quantitative assessment of harvest and post-harvest losses for 46 agricultural produces in 106 randomly selected districts was carried out by Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana. It was estimated in the study that harvest and post-harvest losses of major agricultural produces at national level was of the order of Rs.44,143 crore per annum at 2009 wholesale prices. The percentage of losses estimated for major produces is given below:

Percentage of losses estimated for major produces

Crop	Cumulative wastage
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

Source: CIPHET, Ludhiana

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has assigned a repeat study to CIPHET, Ludhiana for same 106 districts to assess the position at present. The Report of the study is expected to be finalized in January 2015.

(e): The State-wise release of funds under the scheme for Technology Upgradation/Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries during 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 & current year 2013-14 (upto 31.01.2014), are given in the Annexure-I.