

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

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STORAGE OF FARM PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes launched to store the farm production viz., vegetables, spices in the Hilly region of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether any proposal, has been received from Tamil Nadu in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): For storing the farm production and to arrest post harvest horticulture losses, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure since 2008-09 throughout the country including Tamil Nadu. The Integrated cold chain and preservation infrastructure can be set up by individuals, groups of entrepreneurs, cooperative societies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), NGOs, Central /State PSUs, etc. Under the scheme the financial assistance is provided as under:-

General Areas Difficult areas including
Northeast States, Sikkim
and Hilly areas like Jammu
& Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh
and Uttarakhand
Maximum
amount of Grant-in-aid
50% 75%
Rs. 10.00 crore
The scheme has
the following
components:-

- a. Minimal Processing Centre at the farm level. This centre may have facilities for weighing, sorting, grading, waxing, packing, pre-cooling, Controlled Atmosphere (CA)/ Modified Atmosphere (MA) cold storage, normal storage, Ripening Chamber and Individual Quick Freezing (IQF) etc.
- b. Mobile pre-cooling vans and reefer trucks.
- c. Distribution hubs with multi product and multi CA/MA chambers cold storage/Variable Humidity Chambers, Packing facility, grading and sorting facility, CIP Fog treatment, Ripening Chambers, IQF and Blast Freezing etc.
- d. Irradiation facility.

To avail financial assistance under this scheme, any two of the components, from (a), (b) and (c) above will have to be set-up by the units. Considering the functional nature of the facility, irradiation facility will be treated as a standalone project for the purpose of availing grant.

The other Government agencies like National Horticulture Board (NHB), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) under Ministry of Agriculture and Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce also provide financial assistance for setting up cold storages under their respective schemes.

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has assisted 3 integrated cold chain projects in the State of Tamil Nadu. These projects have achieved completion and have started commercial operation. Details of the projects are given at Annexure.