

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

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COLD STORAGEES

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

- (a) the number of normal cold storages and multi-purpose cold storages set up to prevent wastage of fruits and vegetables during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the present capacity of cold storages in the food processing sector is insufficient to process the agricultural produce in the country and if so, the details thereof including capacity utilization, Sector-wise;
- (c) the number and value of investment proposal received and approved for setting up of cold storage facilities during the said period;
- (d) whether adequate infrastructure including assured power supply exists to run cold storages and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure adequate infrastructure, power supply and attract more investment for setting up of cold storages in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SMT. HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 291 FOR ANSWER ON 17TH MARCH, 2015 REGARDING COLD STORAGEES.

(a) State-wise number of normal cold storages and multipurpose cold storages set up to prevent wastage of fruits and vegetables during each of the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-I.

(b) Dr. Saumitra Chaudhuri Committee constituted by the Planning Commission in 2012 has indicated cold storage requirement of 61 million metric tonnes. The present capacity of cold storage is estimated at around 32 million metric tonnes in the country. Thus the present gap is around 29 million metric tonnes. According to a baseline study on All India Cold Storage Capacity and Technology conducted by Hansa Research Group on behalf of National Horticulture Board, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, capacity utilization of existing cold storages in the country is estimated at 75%. In North India it is 75%, East India 77.5%, West India 70.8% and South India 75.6%.

(c) The number and value of investment proposals received and approved by Ministry of Food Processing Industries for setting up of cold chain / cold storages during last three years and the current years is at Annexure-II.

(d) The Government schemes for financial assistance for setting up of cold chain infrastructure provide flexibility to the promoters to choose the components and their capacities as per techno economic feasibility conducted by them and ensuring the viability of the project vis-à-vis availability of adequate infrastructure including assured power supply at the project location. The assistance includes the provision for backup power supply through DG set etc.

(e) Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure since 2008-09 for providing assistance in setting up of integrated cold chain infrastructure for arresting post harvest losses of horti & non-horti produce. The scheme is primarily private sector driven wherein financial assistance @ 50% of the total cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 75% for NE region and difficult areas (North Eastern states, Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand) subject to a maximum grant-in-aid of Rs 10 Crore per project is provided for setting up the cold chain infrastructure in the country. The Ministry has also launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme i.e. National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) during 12th Plan for non-horticulture products like dairy, meat, poultry, fish, etc. with the objective of providing integrated and complete cold chain and preservation infrastructure facilities from the farm gate to the consumer or from the production site to the market. Grant-in-aid @ of 90% of the bank appraised cost including the cost towards setting up of the solar power plant subject to a maximum of Rs. 5 crore is provided under the scheme. However, it has been decided that National Mission on Food Processing will be delinked from Central Assistance from financial year 2015-16 and accordingly no provision has been made for the scheme in BE 2015-16 as it stands transferred to the states.

In addition, National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and National Horticulture Board (NHB), under Department of Agriculture and

Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture Government of India are also providing assistance for setting up cold storages under their respective schemes under which credit linked back ended subsidy @ 35% of the project cost (50% in NE, Hilly and Scheduled Areas) is provided for establishment of cold storages including Controlled Atmosphere (CA) and their modernization. They are also providing assistance for setting up solar PV panels @ 100% of cost as per invoice subject to maximum of Rs. 35 lakh per project as add on component under technology induction in cold chain/ cold storages projects.