

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

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SOLAR BASED COLD STORAGE
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided any grant for setting up of solar energy based cold storage system in the country including Haryana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for this purpose for the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to encourage the private entrepreneurs for setting up of solar based cold storage system and to increase such projects across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a to d): The Ministry has 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 Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) under Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India 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. So far, no proposal has been received for setting up of solar energy based cold storage system in the country including Haryana.