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COLD STORAGE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to set up rural cold storage chains for milk and value added milk products across the country, including Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to develop such chains for milk and value added milk products under Public Private Partnership (PPP) model along with the cooperative and joint venture scheme in the country, including Bihar?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) to (c) Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries does not have any scheme for setting up rural cold storage chains for milk and value added milk products.

As reported by Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI), a Central Sector scheme of cold chain, value addition and preservation infrastructure to arrest post harvest horticulture/non- horticulture losses is being implemented since 2008-09 throughout the country including Bihar. Under this scheme 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, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand) subject to a maximum grant-in-aid of Rs 10 Crore per project is provided for setting up of integrated cold chain infrastructure in the country. 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.

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 chambered 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 stand alone project for the purpose of availing grant.

MOFPI had also launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme i.e. National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) during 12thFive Year Plan. For setting up of cold chain projects for non-horticulture produce like dairy, meat, poultry, fish, etc. financial assistance is provided as (a) Capital Subsidy: Grant-in-aid @35% of the bank appraised project cost for general areas, and @ 50% of the project cost for difficult areas including North Eastern region, subject to maximum of Rs. 5 crore and (b) Interest Subsidy: Interest subsidy @ 6% per annum subject to a maximum of Rs. 2.00 crore per project or actual interest accrued on term loan, whichever is lower, for a period of 5 years from completion of the project for general areas, and @ 7 % per annum subject to a maximum of Rs. 3.00 crore per project or actual interest accrued on term loan, whichever is lower, for a period of 7 years from completion of the project for difficult areas including North Eastern Region. The scheme of NMFP has been delinked from central assistance with effect from 01.04.2015.

State wise details of all dairy sector integrated cold chain project supported by Ministry of Food Processing Industries is given at Annexure.

MOFPI has not supported any cold chain project for milk and value added milk product under Public Private Partnership model along

with cooperative and joint venture scheme.