

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:204

ANSWERED ON:22.07.2014

PRESERVATION OF PERISHABLE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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

(a) whether the Government has carried out any survey/study to assess the extent of losses of perishable fruits and vegetables and the prospects of use of modern Food Processing Technology to preserve them and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(b) whether some of the foreign countries have evinced keen interest in the development and promotion of food processing industry in the country including induction of latest technology and if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to minimise wastage of perishable fruits and vegetables in the country and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 204 FOR ANSWER ON 22ND JULY, 2014 REGARDING PRESERVATION OF PERISHABLE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

(a) A nation-wide study on quantitative assessment of harvest and post-harvest losses for 46 agricultural Crops in 106 randomly selected districts was carried out by Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology, (CIPHET) Ludhiana, an ICAR institution. As per the report released in 2010, the extent of harvest and post-harvest losses in fruits vary from 5.77% to 18% and in case of vegetables from 6.88% to 12.98%.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries promotes adoption of modern food processing technologies through its schemes viz.

(i) Scheme for Infrastructure Development with components of Mega Food Park and Cold Chain, Value Addition & Preservation Infrastructure

(ii) Technology Up-gradation/Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries

(FPIs).

(b) Ministry of Food processing Industries has entered into an agreement in 2012 with France for promoting co-operation in the field of food processing and allied sectors.

(c) Ministry has launched a centrally sponsored scheme-National Mission on Food Processing(NMFP) in 12th Plan. The mission has several schemes including

(i) Technology Up-gradation/Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries

(ii) Setting up of Primary Processing Centres/collection Centres

(iii) Reefer Vehicles. These schemes of the mission are implemented by State Governments and they have full powers to receive, sanction and release funds to the eligible applicants.

Under Technology Upgradation Scheme (TUS), grant-in-aid has been sanctioned by the Ministry to 3438 units in 11th plan and 2509 in 12th plan for setting up / modernization of food processing industries.