

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

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

- (a) whether nearly 40 per cent of the fruits grown in Himachal Pradesh gets perished while in transit to other States due to lack of proper storage facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (Dr. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b):As per the study of Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET) (ICAR, Ludhiana), published in 2010, based on a nationwide sample survey including Himachal Pradesh, annual wastage of fruits is estimated in the range of 5.8% to 18% having value of Rs. 7437 crores annually. The crop-wise wastages of fruits at various stages of handling are at Annexure- I. As per the study, the losses during transportation of fruits range from 1.1 to 2.8%.

(c): With the objective of reducing post-harvest losses by providing integrated cold chain and preservation infrastructure facilities without any break from the farm gate to the consumer, Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure since 2008-09 in the country including Himachal Pradesh. The 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. 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 of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure, the Ministry has sanctioned 121 cold chain projects for implementation in the country. Out of these, 9 projects have been sanctioned in Himachal Pradesh. Details of Cold Chain projects sanctioned in Himachal Pradesh are at Annexure-II.

Further, the Ministry has also launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme i.e. National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) during 12th Plan. The NMFP is being implemented by the State/UT governments including Himachal Pradesh. Under the Mission, financial assistance is provided for setting up cold chain infrastructure through following schemes:

(i) Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure for Non- Horticultural Products:- For setting up of cold chain projects for non-horticulture produce like dairy, meat, poultry, fish etc., the 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: @ 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 year 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 and hilly States.

(ii) Scheme for Creating Primary Processing Centres / Collection Centres in Rural Areas:- Under this scheme financial assistance is provided for setting up processing and preservation facilities in rural areas to enhance shelf life of perishable produce. Admissible grant-in-aid under the scheme is @ 50% of the eligible project cost for the general areas and 75% in North-Eastern Region, ITDP & Difficult Areas including hilly States, respectively subject to a maximum of Rs. 2.5 Crore.

(iii) Reefer Vehicles:- Financial assistance to standalone reefer vehicle(s) and mobile pre-cooling van(s) for carrying & transporting, both horticultural & non-horticultural produce is provided under the scheme as credit linked back ended grants-in-aid @ 50% of the cost of New Reefer Vehicle(s)/Mobile pre-cooling van(s) upto a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakh.

In addition, National Horticulture Mission (NHM), National Horticulture Board (NHB), and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) under Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture and Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Government of India are also providing assistance for setting up cold storages under their respective schemes. Various other incentives provided by the Government to promote this sector are at Annexure-III.

