

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2934

ANSWERED ON:15.03.2016

Flagship Programme in FPIs

Rao Shri Rayapati Sambasiva

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

- (a) the major flagship programme of the Ministry and the status of food processing industries in the country;
- (b) whether any efforts have been made to improve storage facilities of fruits and vegetables in the food processing industries during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) For the development of food processing industries in the country, the Ministry is implementing a major flagship Central Sector Scheme of Infrastructure Development for food processing having components of Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure and Setting up / Modernization of Abattoirs. As per latest Annual Survey Industries: 2012-13, the total number of factories in the registered food processing sector in the country was 37,175. In terms of investment in fixed capital, registered food processing sector is growing annually at an average of 18.47 per cent during five years ending 2012-13. As per latest, ASI 2012-13, the Fixed Capital in food processing industries was at ₹ 1,58,865 crore.

(b) & (c) For setting up of integrated cold chain and preservation infrastructure facilities in the country, Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure since 2008. Under the 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, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand) subject to a maximum grant-in-aid of ₹ 10 crore per project is provided for setting up the cold chain infrastructure. Under this scheme, a total 66 projects with 2,92,391 metric tonne storage capacity for fruits and vegetables have been sanctioned by the Ministry during the last three years and the current year. In addition, 30850 MT cold storage capacity for fruits and vegetables, have been created in 7 operational Mega Food Parks projects under the Scheme of Mega Food Parks of this Ministry.

Government is also providing various other incentives to promote creation of cold chain infrastructure in the country as detailed in Annexure.

(d) Does not arise.
