

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:108

ANSWERED ON:15.07.2014

PROMOTION OF FPIS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to give fresh impetus to the Food Processing Industries (FPIs) in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of cold storages set up in public, private and public private partnership mode to meet the increasing demand of the sector during each of the last three years and the current year; State / UT- wise including Bihar;
- (c) whether the Government has recently discussed the hurdles being faced by entrepreneurs of food processing industries and other stakeholders and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 108 FOR ANSWER ON 15TH JULY, 2014 REGARDING PROMOTION OF FPIS

(a): Yes, Madam. To give impetus to the food processing industries in the country, the following Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes have been taken up during 12th Five Year Plan:

- (i) Scheme for Infrastructure Development (Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain and Abattoirs).
- (ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme – National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP).
- (iii) Scheme for Quality Assurance, Codex Standards, R&D and Promotional Activities.
- (iv) Scheme for Strengthening of Institutions.

In order to harness the potential of value addition from the locally available raw material by State / UT Governments, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme - National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) in the 12th Plan (2012-17). All the State / UT Governments have been empowered under the Mission to invite the applications and sanction grant-in-aid to the eligible beneficiaries.

(b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) neither sets up the cold storages on its own nor provides any assistance to the entrepreneurs for this purpose. However, Other Government agencies like National Horticulture Board (NHB), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) under Ministry of Agriculture and Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under M/O Commerce provide financial assistance for setting up of cold storages under their respective schemes. A statement showing cold storages set up in various States during the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) regularly interacts with State Governments, Industry Associations and entrepreneurs through seminars/ meetings / workshops / video conferencing etc., to know the problems being faced by them and also to discuss the policy changes required for development of food processing sector in the country. Major hurdles faced by entrepreneurs relate to irregular power supply, delay in obtaining statutory clearances from State Governments, fluctuations in prices of raw material. MoFPI has taken up these issues in its meetings with State Governments.