

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
 MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 608**  
 ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019

WASTAGE OF FOOD PRODUCTS

**608. SHRI A. RAJA:**

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

- (a) the details of the percentage of production of food products and their wastage across the country, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether the percentage of wastage of food products is increasing year by year across the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase farmers' income reducing wastage of food products and value addition of farm products so far; and
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Tamil Nadu to set up a food processing industry?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
 (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) & (b): As per Studies, "Assessment of Quantitative Harvest and Post-Harvest Losses of Major Crops and Commodities in India" carried out by Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana in 2010 and in 2015, the estimated cumulative percentages of annual harvest and post-harvest losses of major agricultural produces are as follows:

Agricultural Produces	Cumulative Wastage (%)	
	Report 2010 (crop year 2005-06)	Report 2015 (crop year 2012-13)
Cereals	3.9-6.0	4.65-5.99
Pulses	4.3-6.1	6.36-8.41
Oil Seeds	2.8-10.1	3.08-9.96
Fruits & Vegetables	5.8-18.0	4.58-15.88
Milk	0.8	0.92
Fisheries (inland)	6.9	5.23
Fisheries (marine)	2.9	10.52
Meat	2.3	2.71
Poultry	3.7	6.74

(c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing various Central Sector Schemes for overall development of food processing sector with objectives, inter alia, of reducing of wastage of agricultural produce and processing and value addition thereof to enhance income of farmers. MoFPI is now implementing the Central Sector Umbrella Scheme of Pradhan Mantri KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA (PMKSY) with an allocation of Rs. 6,000 Crore for period 2016-20 co-terminus with the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission cycle. PMKSY has seven component schemes viz. (i) Mega Food Parks, (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, (iii) Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters, (iv) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages, (v) Creation/Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities, (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure, and (vii) Human Resources and Institutions. The PMKSY is designed to create robust modern infrastructure along the entire food processing value/supply chain i.e. from farm gate to consumer. The farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations, entrepreneurs, cooperatives, societies, Self Help Groups, Private Companies and State PSUs etc. are eligible to avail financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid under these schemes for setting up food processing projects in the country.

Also, MoFPI is implementing a new Central Sector Scheme for “Operation Greens” as a vertical of PMKSY for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) crops value chain, with an outlay of Rs. 500 Crore in selected States on pilot basis.

(d): No specific proposal has been received from Government of Tamil Nadu. However, proposals from other applicants have been received and projects sanctioned as per the guidelines of relevant schemes.

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