

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1857**  
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**WASTAGE OF FOODGRAINS**

1857. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

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

- (a) whether there is reportedly a wastage of foodgrains worth ₹ 92,000 crore every year due to lack of proper food processing and storage facilities;
- (b) if so, measures Government is contemplating to address the same;
- (c) the status of Operation Greens project, including the measures taken/to be taken, cost sharing among others;
- (d) the details of subsidies that have been disbursed so far for transportation of TOP (Tomato, Onion, Potato) crops from production site to storage; and
- (e) the details of storage facilities that have been hired along with the rent paid, cost sharing of the same, during last three years State-wise?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES**

**(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a): As per a study, "Assessment of Quantitative Harvest and Post-Harvest Losses of Major Crops and Commodities in India" by Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana, the estimated annual value of harvest and post-harvest losses of major agricultural produces at national level was Rs.92,651 crores. The study was based on production data of 2012-13 and wholesale prices of 2014.

(b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of PRDHAN 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 for development of Food Processing Industry in the country. 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 value chain in food processing with a view to, inter alia, reduce wastage and improve the supply position of quality

food products to various locations. The individuals, Farmer Producer Organizations, entrepreneurs, cooperatives, 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 “Operation Greens” exclusively for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) crops value chain, with an outlay of Rs.500 crore to promote Farmers Producers Organizations, agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management in addition to short term price stabilisation component to prevent crashing of prices of the TOP crops during the time of glut.

(c) to (e): The scheme guidelines under ‘Operation Greens’ was uploaded on the website of the Ministry on 05/11/2018. Proposals under the scheme have been invited vide Expression of Interest dated 10/11/2018. No proposals have been received under the scheme so far.

“Operation Greens’ is a Central Sector scheme. As per scheme guidelines, the Pattern of Assistance provided by Government for the implementation of this scheme is as under:

- i. For Price Stabilisation Measures, 50% of cost of transportation and 50% of cost of hiring appropriate storage facilities will be provided as subsidy at the time of harvest. NAFED will be nodal agency for disbursement of subsidy under this component to the eligible organisation.
- ii. For Integrated value chain development projects, the grant-in-aid will be at the rate of 50% of the eligible project cost in all areas, subject to maximum Rs.50 crore per project. However, in case where project implementing agency (PIA) is/are FPO(s), the grant –in-aid will be at the rate of 70% of the eligible project cost in all areas, subject to maximum Rs.50 crore per project.

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