

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 698**  
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**UNSOLD FOOD PRODUCTS DISCARDED BY SUPERMARKETS**

698. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:

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

- (a) whether any data is available on the unsold food products discarded by supermarket chains of big corporates, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any mechanism for the donation of unsold food products of supermarkets which are still suitable for consumption to charities, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the mechanism for the donation of unsold food products of supermarkets?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is mandated to promote food processing industries in the country with the objectives, inter-alia, to reduce wastage of harvest and post-harvest losses of different agricultural produce and therefore, MoFPI monitors the extent of losses of agricultural produce by getting studies/surveys conducted. A study conducted by Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana, Punjab has estimated the annual harvest and post-harvest losses of agricultural produce at Rs. 92,651 crore. The study was based on production data of 2012-13 and wholesale prices of 2014. The Ministry has not collated any information on the food products being discarded by super markets nor any proposal/mechanism is under consideration for the donation of these unsold food products.

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