

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1865**  
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**STORAGE OF PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS**

1865. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN:

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

- (a) the current status of devising a suitable system for the storage of perishable fruits, vegetables, milk, etc. in the country and for their safe transportation from one place to another; and
- (b) whether Government is taking some necessary steps in this direction, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing the Central Sector Umbrella Scheme- PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA (PMKSY) with the scheme components viz: (i) Mega Food Parks (MFP), (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (Cold Chain), (iii) Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters (APC), (iv) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages (BFL), (v) Creation / Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities (Unit), (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure (FSQA) and (vii) Human Resources and Institutions (HRI) (viii) Operation Greens (OG) for, inter alia, creation of modern infrastructure and efficient supply chain for facilitating preservation and processing of various agricultural and allied produce including vegetables, fruits and milk products in the country. Under the schemes of MFP, Cold Chain, APC, BFL and OG, there is provision, inter alia, for creation of infrastructure and logistics facility for cold storage, cold chain, controlled atmosphere (CA) storage, and transportation of perishable produce like fruits, vegetables, milk etc. in the country.

Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DoAC&FW) is implementing Mission of Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for holistic development of Horticulture in the country which includes components, inter alia, cold storage, staging cold room, controlled atmosphere (CA) storage, reefer transport, for handling perishable like fruits and vegetables. Also, the National Horticulture Board (NHB) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare is implementing a scheme of 'Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/ Expansion/ Modernization of Cold Storages for Horticulture Products' for setting up of cold storage facilities.

The above schemes of MoFPI/DoAC&FW/NHB are demand-driven under which financial assistance as capital subsidy is provided to eligible applicants as per the respective scheme guidelines and against expression interest issued by the Ministry/Department from time to time.

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