GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO- *130
ANSWERED ON - 30.07.2021

STREAMLINING OF COLD CHAIN FACILITIES AT DISTRICT LEVEL

***130. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to streamline cold chain facilities at the district level in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the impact of the same on food processing industries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI PASHUPATI KUMAR PARAS)

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

"STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (D) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.130 FOR 30TH JULY 2021 REGARDING STREAMLINING OF COLD CHAIN FACILITIES AT DISTRICT LEVEL"

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Ministry has identified major production clusters, along with the districts, for 22 perishable crops, to streamline investments and availability of food processing facilities, including Cold Chain facilities. This is in pursuance of the budget announcement 2021-22 for expanding the scope of value chain development under Operation Greens Scheme from Tomato, Onion and Potato crops to 22 perishables. Currently, the Ministry has initiated studies to assess the gaps in infrastructure of warehousing, logistics, cold storage, processing, etc.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The streamlining of processing facilities including cold chain at cluster/district level would give an impetus to the food processing industries by way of enhanced availability of raw material, strengthening the supply chain logistics and infrastructure in each cluster, reducing losses due to wastage of perishable produce, thereby improving the viability of the food processing projects.

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