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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 358
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/12/2022

COLD STORAGE UNITS IN ODISHA

358. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of operational cold storage units in the State of Odisha as it is one of the major vegetable producing States in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is 16 per cent wastage of fruits and vegetables produced in the country due to the shortcomings in the cold storage infrastructure; and
- (c) whether the Ministry would consider a proposal to include and leverage Internet of Things (IoT) technologies to improve the cold storage infrastructure in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): As per the available information, there are 181 number of cold storage operational in the State of Odisha.

(b): A study commissioned by Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI) and carried out by Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering & Technology (CIPHET), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), published in 2015. As per this report, quantum of quantitative harvest and post harvest losses in selected crops were observed to be in the range of 6.70% to 15.88% (fruits), 4.58% to 12.44% (vegetables).

Further, as per study conducted by NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS) in 2015 on “All India Cold-chain Infrastructure Capacity (AICIC-2015)” assessed the required capacity of cold storages at that time as 351.00 lakh MT against the existing capacity of 318.23 lakh MT in 2014. As per available information, there are 8398 cold storages in the country with the capacity of 382.24 lakh MT as on date.

(c): Ministry always considers proposals to improve cold storage infrastructure in the country.
