

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*252  
ANSWERED ON - 11.08.2023

**LACK OF ADEQUATE FOOD PROCESSING UNITS**

**\*252 SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA:**

Will the Minister of *Food Processing Industries* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that about 40 per cent of perishable food is wasted in the country due to lack of adequate food processing units, cold chain and storage despite significant growth in the sector; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to resolve it?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*252 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023 REGARDING “LACK OF ADEQUATE FOOD PROCESSING UNITS”**

(a) & (b): As per studies conducted by Indian Council for Agricultural Research – Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology (ICAR-CIPHET), 2015 and NABARD Consultancy Service Pvt. Ltd (NABCONS), 2022, the estimated percentage of Harvest and Post Harvest loss of perishable food is as follows:

<b>Commodities (Perishables)</b>	<b>Estimated Percentage Loss</b>	
	<b>As per ICAR-CIPHET study (2015)</b>	<b>As per NABCONS study (2022)</b>
Fruits	6.70-15.88	6.02-15.05
Vegetables	4.58-12.44	4.87-11.61
Milk	0.92	0.87
Fisheries(Marine)	10.52	8.76
Fisheries(Inland)	5.23	4.86

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) supports the creation and expansion of the processing/preservation capacity through implementation of various schemes to reduce post-harvest losses and create higher value-addition. The schemes are as follows:

- (i) Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY)
- (ii) PM-Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME)
- (iii) Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme

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