

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2475
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST MARCH, 2025
EXPANDING OF COLD CHAIN SCHEME

2475. SHRI MISSION RANJAN DAS:

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

- (a) the steps being taken to ensure that small farmers and smaller organizations are aware of and can access the Cold Chain scheme's benefits, specifically in remote and underdeveloped areas;
- (b) whether the Ministry plans to expand the Cold Chain scheme beyond the existing framework;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government will consider setting up for cold storage and cold chain project at Mauja Sripinjuri under Pathrkandi revenue circle Sribhumi district, Asaam where under 165 bigha of land was taken from State Government to Assam Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC) for this purpose if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI RAVNEET SINGH)

(a): Under the scheme of Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (Cold Chain scheme), proposals are invited from time to time from across the country including remote or underdeveloped areas by floating Expression of Interests (EoIs) in the Ministry's website. For wider publicity of the same, it is also circulated through Press Information Bureau (PIB) and leading national and regional newspapers. The Ministry also promotes awareness of the scheme through its social media platforms and official website. Additionally, detailed information, guidelines, and updates about the scheme are made available on the official website, providing easy access to relevant resources. Individuals including small farmers as well as entities/ organizations such as FPOs/ FPCs/NGOs/PSUs/Firms/Companies, etc. are eligible to avail benefits under the scheme.

Under the scheme of Promotional Activities of MoFPI, Ministry has provided financial assistance to various eligible organizations for organizing events such as seminars, workshops, conferences, exhibitions etc. across the country throughout the year to create awareness among stakeholders including small farmers and Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) on various schemes of the Ministry including Cold Chain scheme.

(b) & (c): No such proposal is under consideration.

(d): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up any food processing unit on its own. The component schemes under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) including the Cold Chain scheme are demand driven and proposals are invited from across the country by floating Expression of Interests (EoIs) from time to time by the Ministry based on availability of funds. Proposals received against EoI are processed as per the extant Cold Chain scheme guidelines.
