

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 566
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2025

FACILITIES TO SMALL-SCALE FARM PRODUCERS IN BIHAR

566. DR. BHIM SINGH:

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

- (a) the impact of the facilities available to smallscale farm producers in the State of Bihar under cold chain schemes and the targets set for their expansion and the steps taken by Government to achieve these targets, the details thereof: and
- (b) the status of the steps taken by Government to address the major challenges in the expansion of cold chain in the state of Bihar and the new strategies that will be adopted to make these schemes more effective in future, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a component scheme namely Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (Cold Chain scheme) under the Central Sector umbrella scheme- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY). Under Cold Chain scheme, no State /UT- wise (including the State of Bihar) allocation of funds is made. The above scheme has positively contributed at micro level (farmers and cold chain owners) by increased income by better price realization, value addition and wastage reduction etc. in the state of Bihar. The scheme has also contributed significantly at macro level to the economy of Bihar in terms increase investment, employment creation and saving in wastage etc.

In the state of Bihar, 03 cold chain projects have been completed with the assistance of the Ministry with total project cost of ₹ 88.73 crore including MoFPI grants-in-aid/ subsidy of ₹ 26.83 crore and private investment of ₹ 61.90 crore since its inception up to 2024-25 (till 31.12.2024) thereby creating preservation and processing Infrastructure of 1.10 LMT/annum and 5.89 LMT/annum respectively. These projects benefits 28656 farmers and created employment opportunities for 1800 persons.

(b): Under the scheme of Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure a component of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojna (PMKSY) of Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), depending on availability of funds, the project proposals are invited from

time to time across the country including state of Bihar by floating Expression of Interest (EoI) on the Ministry's website. For wider publicity of the above scheme, 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 60 events such as seminars, workshops, conferences, exhibitions etc. across the country during the year 2024 to create awareness among stakeholders including small farmers and Farmers Producers Organization (FPO) on various schemes of the Ministry including cold chain scheme.
