

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA

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ACCESS TO COLD CHAIN SCHEME

571 SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:
SHRI SUBHASH BARALA:

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 scheme's benefits, specifically in remote or underdeveloped areas;
- (b) whether the Ministry plans to expand the Cold Chain scheme beyond the existing framework; and
- (c) 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, proposals are invited from time to time 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 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.

(b) and (c): The above said scheme is demand driven and proposals are invited by the Ministry from across the country from time to time based on availability of funds under the scheme.
