

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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WASTAGE OF HARVEST AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE

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Will the **MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has collected any data regarding the wastages of harvested and processed agricultural produce in India like fruits vegetables and grains;
- (b) if so, the details of the quantity of the harvested and processed agricultural produce in India wasted since 2020, year-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken by Government to address the issue of wastages of agricultural produce?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) do not collect year wise data regarding the wastage of harvested and processed agricultural produce in India like fruits, vegetables and grains. However, MoFPI had conducted a study titled, “Study to Determine Post-Harvest Losses of Agri Produce in India” through NABARD Consultancy Service Pvt. Ltd (NABCONS) in 2022. As per the said study, the estimated annual harvest and post-harvest losses of major agricultural produces for the period 2020-21 are as follows:

Sr No	Crops/ Commodities	Quantity lost (million MT)	Losses (Percentage)
1	Cereals	12.49	3.89-5.92
2	Pulses	1.37	5.65-6.74
3	Oil Seeds	2.11	2.87-7.51
4	Fruits	7.36	6.02-15.05
5	Vegetables	11.97	4.87-11.61
6	Plantation Crops (Including sugarcane and Spices)	30.59	1.29-7.33

(c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) through implementation of various initiatives and schemes viz. Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) and Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industries (PLISFPI) aims for the overall development of food processing sector, including creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet, providing better returns to farmers, creation of employment opportunities, reducing wastage, increasing the processing level and enhancing the export of the processed foods.
