

**Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 750
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2017**

WASTAGE OF FOOD ITEMS

750. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:
(OIH)

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether fruits, vegetables and other food items get rotten before reaching the consumers from the farms due to mismanagement in food items;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is considering to take concrete and effective steps to save these items;
- (c) if so, the steps being taken in this regard and the time by which the same will be implemented; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
(श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY)**

(a) : No report has been received regarding rotting of fruits, vegetables and other food items due to mismanagement in food items. However, as per a report of Central Institute of Postharvest Engineering & Technology (CIPHET), Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) published in 2015, the estimated postharvest losses of fruits and vegetables were in the range of 6.70% to 15.88% (fruits) and 4.58% to 12.44% (vegetables).

(b) to (d) : Government is implementing mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for holistic development of harvest management and food processing of fruits and vegetables. Post-harvest management includes establishment of cold storage, primary/mobile processing units, pack houses, pre-cooling units, controlled atmosphere storage, reefer vans, setting up of ripening chambers and marketing infrastructure. Under PHM component credit linked back ended subsidy @ 35% in general areas and 50% hilly and tribal areas is available for creation of various types of post-harvest infrastructure. These components are demand & entrepreneur driven for which credit linked back ended subsidy is available through respective State Horticulture Mission. An entrepreneur can avail assistance for individual component or combination of different components.