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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4070**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

**SETTING UP OF COLD CHAIN**

4070. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and the Ministry of Food Processing Industries to make a cold chain;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is considering to take any action in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said action is likely to be taken; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Food Processing Industries has launched the Central Sector Scheme – Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana in May 2017 subsuming the scheme of Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure which was in implementation since 2008. Operational guidelines of Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure have been revised on 08.03.2018 to take up additional 50 cold chain projects in the country. Expression of Interest has been issued on 10.03.2018 with the last date of 30.04.2018 for submission of online applications for setting up of Integrated cold chain facilities. Separate fund has been earmarked for SC/ST beneficiaries under the scheme.

Under the scheme, Ministry provides financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 35% for general areas and @ 50% for North East States, Himalayan States, ITDP areas and Islands for storage and transport infrastructure and @ 50% and 75% respectively for value addition and processing infrastructure subject to a maximum grant-in-aid of Rs. 10 crore for setting up integrated cold chain projects including irradiation facility without any break from the farm gate to the consumer. The integrated cold chain and preservation infrastructure can be set up by individuals, groups of entrepreneurs, cooperative societies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), NGOs, Central/State PSUs, etc. The scheme is primarily private sector driven and proposals under this scheme are invited through Expression of Interest (EOI). The scheme is available in rural & urban areas in all States/UTs.

Further, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for holistic development of horticulture which also provides assistance for creation of post-harvest infrastructure including setting up of pack house, Integrated pack house, pre-cooling, staging cold room, cold storages, controlled atmosphere (CA) storage, reefer transport, primary/mobile processing units and setting up of ripening chambers etc. The components are demand/entrepreneur-driven from among entrepreneurs, private companies, cooperatives, farmers groups etc. through commercial ventures for which assistance @35% of admissible project cost in general areas and @50% in hilly and schedule area is available as credit linked and back ended subsidy.

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