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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD APRIL, 2018

PACK HOUSES

5807. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

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

- (a) whether it is true that there are only 250 pack houses to undertake pre-shipment cleaning, grading and packaging of export-bound consignment against the estimated requirement of 70000;
- (b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to address the paucity of pack houses in the country; and
- (c) whether the Government has set up any target to meet the demand of pack houses, if so, the details thereof and the estimated time by which the requirement of pack houses is likely to be met?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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

(a): As per study titled "All India Cold-chain Infrastructure Capacity (AICIC - 2015)" commissioned by National Centre for Cold Chain Development (NCCD) and conducted by NABCONS reported requirement of about 70,000 pack houses for handling perishable produce for domestic as well as export markets in the country. The study also estimated that there were about 250 number of integrated pack houses in the country.

The pack houses meant to undertake pre-shipment cleaning, grading, packing of export-bound consignments need to meet certain standards and recognition by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under their pack house recognition scheme. So far, APEDA has recognized 213 pack houses in the country for export purpose.

(b) & (c): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for holistic development of Horticulture which inter-alia provides assistance for creation of post harvest management infrastructure including setting up of pack houses for perishable horticulture produce in the country. The assistance is available to an individual or an enterprise through State Horticulture Mission/National Horticulture Board for setting up of farm pack house (9M x 6M) with cost of Rs.4.00 lakh per unit and integrated pack house (9M x 18M) with cost of Rs. 50.00 lakh per unit.

These components are demand/ entrepreneur-driven from among entrepreneurs, private companies, cooperatives, farmers groups etc through commercial ventures for which assistance @ 50% of admissible project cost for farm pack houses is provided. For integrated pack house assistance @ 35% of the admissible project in general areas and @ 50% in hilly and schedule area is available as credit linked and back ended subsidy.

Further, APEDA has increased the financial assistance from Rs.75.00 lakh to Rs.1.00 crore (@ 40% of the total eligible project cost) for setting up of pack houses recognized for export purpose.

So far, 20710 on-farm pack houses and 154 integrated pack houses have been established under MIDH.
