

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1070
ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2018

WASTAGE OF AGRO PRODUCTS

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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware about the wastage of huge quantities of foodgrains, fruits and vegetables in the country because of lack of proper processing facilities; and
- (b) if so, the details of the schemes introduced for food processing and their progress?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) As per a study, "Assessment of Quantitative Harvest and Post-Harvest Losses of Major Crops and Commodities in India" by Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana, the estimated annual value of harvest and post-harvest losses of major agricultural produces at national level was Rs.92,651 crores. The study was based on production data of 2012-13 and wholesale prices of 2014.

(b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing various central sector schemes for holistic growth and development of the food processing sector. MoFPI has re-structured its ongoing schemes and introduced new schemes under the new Central Sector Scheme of PRDHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA (PMKSY) with an allocation of Rs.6,000 crore for period 2016-20 co-terminus with 14th Finance Commission Cycle. PMKSY is a comprehensive package with the objectives to create robust modern infrastructure with efficient and seamless supply chain management along the entire value chain i.e. from farm gate to retail outlet. It aims at not only to provide a big boost to the growth of food processing sector in the country but also help in providing better returns to farmers and is a big step towards doubling of farmer's income, creating huge employment opportunities especially in the rural areas, reducing wastage of agricultural produce, increasing the processing level and enhancing the export of the processed foods.

In addition to the existing scheme components of Mega Food Parks; Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure; Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure; and Human Resources and Institutions, PMKSY encompasses three new schemes namely; Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters, Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages and Creation/Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities. The farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations, entrepreneurs, cooperatives, societies, Self Help Groups, Private Companies and Central/State PSUs etc. are eligible to avail financial assistance under these schemes for setting up food processing projects in the country.

The progress made in implementation of various schemes as on 20.07.2018 is given at **Annexure.**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1070 FOR ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2018 REGARDING WASTAGE OF AGRO PRODUCTS

Progress under the Schemes of Ministry of Food Processing Industries as on 20.07.2018

Sr. No.	Name of the Scheme	No. of Projects Sanctioned	No. of Projects Approved	No. of Projects Completed/Functional
1.	Mega Food Parks	42	Final Approval-38 In-Principal Approval-4	12
2.	Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure	234	234	124
3.	Creation/Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities	400	83	This is a new scheme under PMKSY. The last date for submission of project proposal against the current Expression of interest (EoI) dated 29.12.2017 is 15.09.2018.
4.	Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters	100	17	This is a new scheme under PMKSY. EoI issued on 22.12.2017. EoI closed on 30.06.2018
5.	Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages	50	32	This is a new scheme under PMKSY. The last date for submission of project proposal against the current EoI dated 07.03.2018 is 31.08.2018.
6.	Food Testing Laboratories (FTL)	116*	*	75

* FTL projects are based on receipt of actual eligible proposals and not pre sanctioned.