

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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WASTAGE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCES

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

- (a) the level of wastage of agricultural produces including milk, meat, fish, etc. in the country;
- (b) the effectiveness of steps taken by the Government to prevent wastage of all types of agricultural produces in the country;
- (c) whether any long term measures have been initiated/taken to fully stop wastage of agricultural produces in the country by identifying problem areas, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the schemes/ programmes of the Union Government available for setting up of food processing/ preservation units by individual farmers/ fishermen etc.?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per study, “Assessment of Quantitative Harvest and Post-Harvest Losses of Major Crops and Commodities in India” carried out by Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana in 2010 and in 2015, the estimated cumulative percentages of annual harvest and post-harvest losses of major agricultural produces are as follows:

Agricultural Produces	Cumulative wastage (percent)	
	as per report 2010 (Crop Year 2005-06)	as per report 2015 (Crop Year 2012-13)
Cereals	3.9 – 6.0	4.65 - 5.99
Pulses	4.3 – 6.1	6.36 - 8.41
Oil seeds	2.8 – 10.1	3.08 - 9.96
Fruits & Vegetables	5.8 – 18.0	4.58 - 15.88
Milk	0.8	0.92
Fisheries (Inland)	6.9	5.23
Fisheries (Marine)	2.9	10.52
Meat	2.3	2.71
Poultry	3.7	6.74

(b) to (d): The shortage of efficient harvest and post-harvest infrastructure coupled with lack of adequate food processing industries/units are the major identified problem areas for wastage of agricultural produces in the country. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is seized of these problems and has been implementing various Central Sector Schemes for overall development of food processing sector in the country including reducing of wastage. MoFPI is now implementing the 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 the 14th Finance Commission cycle. PMKSY has seven component schemes viz;(i) Mega Food Parks,(ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure,(iii) Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters, (iv) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages, (v) Creation/Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities, (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure and (vii) Human Resources and Institutions. The PMKSY is designed to create robust modern infrastructure along the entire value chain in food processing with a view to, inter alia, reduce wastage and improve the supply position of quality food products to various locations. The farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations, entrepreneurs, cooperatives, societies, Self Help Groups, Private Companies and State PSUs etc. are eligible to avail financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid under these schemes for setting up food processing projects in the country. Also, as announced in the budget speech of Union Budget 2018-19, MoFPI is implementing a new Central Sector Scheme for “Operation Greens” for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) crops value chain, with an outlay of Rs.500 crore to promote Farmers Producers Organizations, agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management in addition to short term price stabilisation component to prevent crashing of prices of the TOP crops during the time of glut.
