

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *223
ANSWERED ON 09TH JULY, 2019

COLD CHAIN INFRASTRUCTURE

***223. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:**
DR. HEENA GAVIT:

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

- (a) the objectives of integrated cold chain project/programme and Value Addition Infrastructure;
- (b) whether the Government has achieved the objectives for which the programme was launched, if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the details of the small scale cold storage plants undertaken by the Government at the village or district level during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (d) the details of employment generated in the food processing sector through food processing units and mega food projects in the country during the said period; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate cold chain infrastructure in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SMT. HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA
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(a): The objective of the Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure is to arrest post-harvest losses of perishables by encouraging the creation of primary processing, preservation and value addition infrastructure and transportation facilities (reefer/insulated vans) across the country.

(b): To meet these objectives, the Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure was launched in 2008. 292 projects have so far been approved and 154 projects have started commercial production out of which 117 projects were completed in the last 5 years (since May, 2014).

(c): Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up stand-alone cold storage projects. Small scale cold storage plants are assisted by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW). The details of which are placed at **Annexure**.

(d): As per the latest Annual Survey of Industries (2016-17), the number of persons engaged in registered food processing sector was 18.54 lakhs, as against 17.65 lakhs in the year 2015-16, which was an increase of 5.03 percent over 2015-16. Unregistered food processing sector supports employment to 51.11 lakh workers as per the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) 73rd report 2015-16.

(e): Ministry of Food Processing Industries has approved 187 new cold chain projects in the last five years. Besides, a number of policy decisions have been taken by the Government to encourage creation of cold chain infrastructure in the country, including:

(i) A special fund of Rs. 2000 crore has been set up by the Government in National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to make available affordable credit to designated food parks and the food processing units in such parks.

(ii) Creation of cold chain infrastructure has been covered under Priority Sector Lending.

(iii) 100% deduction allowed for expenditure incurred on investment under Section 35-AD of the Income Tax Act 1961, concessional 5% Basic Customs Duty (BCD) presently available under project imports for cold storage, cold room for cold chain including pre-cooling units, pack houses, sorting and grading lines and ripening chambers and customs duty has also been reduced from 10% to 5% for refrigerated containers (in 2016).

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO *223 FOR ANSWERED ON 09TH JULY, 2019 REGARDING COLD CHAIN INFRASTRUCTURE

State-wise cold storage projects assisted by DAC&FW during the last three years (2016-17 to 2018-19)

State	YEARS		
	2016 - 17	2017 - 18	2018 - 19
	Number	Number	Number
Andhra Pradesh	11	2	2
Assam	2	0	2
Bihar	0	0	3
Chhattisgarh	0	0	1
Gujarat	72	116	67
Haryana	24	9	3
Himachal Pradesh	10	0	7
Jammu & Kashmir	4	17	1
Jharkhand	1	0	0
Karnataka	5	6	4
Kerala	0	1	0
Madhya Pradesh	0	3	3
Maharashtra	6	0	0
Manipur	0	1	0
Odisha	7	2	0
Punjab	1	14	19
Rajasthan	2	1	10
Tamil Nadu	0	0	3
Telangana	5	0	4
Uttar Pradesh	42	61	17
Uttarakhand	1	1	0
Total	193	234	146

(Data provided by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare)