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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1659
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND JULY, 2019

REMUNERATION AND STORAGE FACILITIES FOR FARMERS

1659. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that farmers are getting rock bottom prices for their produce;
- (b) if so, whether any schemes are being developed for immediately providing them fully developed cold chain network linking villages with cities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the expected requirement of “pack-houses” nearer to villages in the country and the focus made for market reforms, in detail?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The prices of agricultural produce are determined by supply and demand conditions in the market on a day-to-day basis. Price of agricultural produce tends to fall after the harvesting season due to increase in market arrival of new crop in a lumpy manner. There is no general indication that farmers are getting rock bottom prices for their produce. The all India average annual wholesale prices are more or less close to the level of Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for MSP crops. A statement showing all India wholesale prices and MSP of major agricultural crops is given at Annexure.

(b) to (d): The Government is implementing the scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure as one of the component of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana with the objective of arresting post-harvest losses of horticulture & non-horticulture produce and providing remunerative prices for their produce. Under the scheme, the Government provides financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @35% for general areas and 50% for North East States, Himalayan States, Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) areas and Islands. These are provided 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 per project for setting up integrated cold chain projects including irradiation facility without any break from the farm gate to the to the consumer. The integrated cold chain and preservation infrastructure can be set up by individuals, groups of

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entrepreneurs, cooperative societies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Central/State PSUs, etc. The scheme is primarily private sector driven and proposals under this scheme are invited through Expression of Interest (EOI).

Under the Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure (as on 31.05.2019) 296 cold chain projects have been approved. Out of 296, 152 cold chain projects have stated their commercial operations and remaining 144 are in various stages of implementation.

The capacity created by 152 operational cold chain projects under the Scheme is as under:

Cold Storage/ Controlled Atmosphere / Deep Freezer	5.41 Lakh MT
Individual Quick Freezing(IQF) / Spiral Freezer	143.45 MT/hour
Milk Processing /storage	59.01 Lakh Litres Per Day
Reefer Vehicles	836 Nos.

As per the Report of the Committee for Doubling Farmers' Income, establishing modern pack-houses on a priority basis at horticulture producing areas with aim to move the aggregated and pre-conditioned produce to wholesale market is a key objective as there is a huge shortfall of 69831 numbers in the Integrated pack-house infrastructure.

For Integrated (modern) Pack houses, the Government provides Rs.50.0 lakhs/unit with throughput capacity of 16 MT/day, with facilities for conveyor belt sorting, grading, washing, drying & weighing.

ANNEXURE

**All India Average Monthly Wholesale Prices and Minimum Support Prices
(MSP) of Major Agricultural Crops**

State	MSP 2018-19	April, 2019	May, 2019
Paddy	1750	1780	1793
Bajra	1950	2171	2207
Barley	1440	1745	1795
Gram	4620	4679	4796
Jowar	2430	2637	2625
Maize	1700	1943	1973
Ragi	2897	2715	2690
Wheat	1840	2108	2120
Arhar Whole	5675	5108	5557
Masur Whole	4475	4768	4902
Moong Whole	6975	5952	6211
Urad Whole	5600	5230	5441
Groundnut	4890	5035	5132
Copra	9521*	11148	10583
Kardiseed	4945	3757	4047
Mustard Seed	4200	3978	4073
Nigerseed	5877	4732	4700
Sesamum Seed	6249	9883	9782
Soyabean	3399	3675	3742
Sunflower Seed	5388	3705	3567
Cotton/Kapas	5150	5785	5839
Jute Raw	3700	4259	4336
Potato	Not fixed	1074	1149
Onion	Not fixed	1114	1315
Tomato	Not fixed	2060	3273

* For the calendar year
