

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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FOOD PROCESSING INFRASTRUCTURE

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

- (a) whether the Government has any national level data on the volume of fruits and vegetables which go waste in the absence of processing infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, for the last three years; and
- (c) whether the Government is taking any concrete steps to address the aforesaid issue and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) & (b): As per Studies, “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 fruits & vegetables are as follows:

Agricultural Produces	Cumulative Wastage (%)	
	Report 2010 (crop year 2005-06)	Report 2015 (crop year 2012-13)
Fruits & Vegetables	5.8-18.0	4.58-15.88

(c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing various Central Sector Schemes for overall development of food processing sector with objectives, inter alia, of reducing of wastage of agricultural produce and processing and value addition thereof. MoFPI is now implementing the Central Sector Umbrella Scheme of Pradhan 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 food processing value/supply chain i.e. from farm gate to consumer. Also, MoFPI is implementing a new Central Sector Scheme for “Operation Greens” as a vertical of PMKSY for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) crops value chain, with an outlay of Rs. 500 Crore in selected States on pilot basis.

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.