

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †3832
ANSWERED ON 16TH JULY, 2019

WASTAGE OF FOOD

†3832. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of wastage of fruits and vegetables in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to start new food processing and preservation centres in Bundelkhand region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. 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), in 2015, the estimated cumulative percentages of annual harvest and postharvest losses of fruits and vegetables is 4.58% to 15.88%.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up any food processing industries/ units/projects/plants on its own. Under the Central Sector Scheme – PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA -(PMKSY), it provides financial assistance as capita subsidy in the form of grants-in-aid to the individuals, farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), Entrepreneurs, Cooperatives, Societies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Private Companies and Central/ State PSUs etc. for setting up of food processing industries/ units/ projects in the country. The schemes under PMKSY are demand driven and financial assistance is provided to the eligible applicants against the Expression of Interest issued by the MoFPI from time to time.
