

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4495
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REVENUE LOSSES DUE TO POST-HARVESTING

4495. SHRI ABHISHEK BANERJEE:
SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

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

- (a) whether there is any record pertaining to the revenue losses due to post-harvesting losses in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether any assessment has been done to analyse the impact of post-harvesting losses on farmers income and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has noticed that the harvest and post-harvest losses on major agricultural produce is estimated to be Rs. 92,651 crore at national level in the country as per the study conducted by CIPHET, Ludhiana?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c) As per a study conducted by Indian Council of Agriculture Research - Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology (ICAR-CIPHET), 2015, the economic value of harvest and post-harvest losses of major agricultural and livestock produce was estimated at Rs. 92,651 crore. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) through implementation of various schemes under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana supports the creation and expansion of processing/ preservation capacity to reduce post-harvest losses and create higher value –addition.

Farmers income depend on various factors including increase in crop productivity, resource use efficiency, increase in cropping intensity, diversification to high value agriculture, etc. Growth of food processing sector also has a positive impact on the farmers' income. No specific study linking post-harvest losses to farmers' income has been conducted by the Ministry.
