

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 824
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SMALL FOOD PROCESSING COLD CHAIN

824. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

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

- (a) the number of small food processing cold chain set up/functioning in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to provide grants for establishing small food processing cold chain units in near future;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, especially in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether there is any other scheme to benefit small and medium farmers through low investment processing units and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing the scheme of "Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure" which is a demand driven scheme. Project proposals are invited from interested individuals/ entities through Expression of Interest (EoI) floated from time to time and projects are sanctioned based on procedure enumerated in the scheme guidelines. A total of 376 cold chain projects have been accorded approval under the said scheme till date, of which 271 projects are completed. Two cold chain projects have been approved in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, out of which one is completed.

(d): Interested individuals can avail benefits available under Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme being implemented by MoFPI to support low investment processing facilities.
