GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 780

ANSWERED ON 25.07.2023

'ESTABLISHMENT OF COLD STORAGE AND CHAIN'

780. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to establish cold storages and chain at the district level in near future;
- (b) if so, the number of districts of Andhra Pradesh where such cold storages and chain would be set up; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and its likely impact on the food processing industry?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) does not have any plan to establish cold storages and chain at the district level in near future;
- (b) & (c) Under the scheme "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana" (PMKSY), MoFPI has approved 72 projects comprising 91 cold storages with a capacity of 85463 MT as part of integrated food processing and preservation infrastructure in the State of Andhra Pradesh. MOFPI neither provides financial support to standalone cold storages nor establishes any infrastructure facility on its own. Further, the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare provides financial assistance through "Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture" (MIDH) and Scheme for "Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction /Expansion /Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Products". All these schemes are implemented on demand driven basis.
