

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3600
ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2019

COLD CHAIN AND AGRO-PROCESSING CLUSTER IN NORTH BENGAL

3600. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) the details of assistance provided to farmers/entrepreneurs under the Scheme for Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages in the districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur;
- (b) the details of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure developed in the districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur since 2009 till date; and
- (c) the details of any Agro-Processing Clusters established in the districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) provides financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid to the individual, farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), entrepreneurs, cooperatives, societies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Private Companies and Central/State PSUs etc. to set up Food Processing Industries/units/projects under various schemes of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY). These Scheme are not any region specific or state specific, but are demand driven.

At present, there is no such proposal under consideration with the Ministry from farmers / entrepreneurs either in the scheme for Creation of Backward and Forward linkages, Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure or Agro Processing Clusters from these districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur.
