

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2437
ANSWERED ON 03RD AUGUST, 2021

PROMOTION OF COLD CHAIN SCHEME

2437. SHRI ABHISHEK BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of Food Processing Industries be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any steps are being taken to promote cold chain which is an important enabler in minimizing post-harvest losses in the food processing sector, if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether any budget has been allotted and funds disbursed for the same so far;
- (c) whether there is any data on multiplier effect in wastage of inputs like water and fertilizers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): In order to minimize the post-harvest losses and enhance value addition in the agricultural produce, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing the “Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure Scheme” which a component of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojna (PMKSY). A total of 353 projects have been approved under the scheme till date for various States/UTs.

(b): The details of funds allotted and expended during 2016-17 to 2021-22 is as under:

| Year | Budget Estimate (Rupees in Crores) | Revised Estimate (Rupees in Crores) | Expenditure (Rupees in Crores) |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 2016-17 | 158.23 | 185.21 | 184.88 |
| 2017-18 | 180.00 | 198.68 | 196.15 |
| 2018-19 | 400.00 | 271.59 | 244.74 |
| 2019-20 | 290.00 | 326.16 | 271.12 |
| 2020-21 | 349.71 | 252.58 | 207.40 |
| 2021-22 | 227.60 | - | 53.45 (as on 30.06.2021) |

(c) & (d): Soil, water, fertilizer etc. affect the quality and losses but no quantified data available.
