

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *92
ANSWERED ON 08TH FEBRUARY, 2022

PROCESSING OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

***92. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:**

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

- (a) whether it is true that India is one of the most leading fruits and vegetables producing countries in the world but it loses a large quantum of fruits and vegetables due to lack of infrastructure or storing facility and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any new mechanism related to processing and adequate storage infrastructure have been developed in the country to stop rotting of ripening fruits and vegetables and if so, the details thereof along with its results during last three years; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated and utilized for this purpose during the said period, scheme-wise and year- wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI PASHUPATI KUMAR PARAS)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*92 FOR ANSWER ON 8TH FEBRUARY 2022 ON PROCESSING OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

(a): India is second largest producer of fruit and vegetables as per the Agriculture Statistics at a Glance 2020 Report.

The estimated annual value of harvest and post-harvest losses of fruits and vegetables at national level was Rs.31,486 crore as per the 2015 Report of study conducted by the ICAR-Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana on “Assessment of Quantitative Harvest and Post-Harvest Losses of Major Crops and Commodities in India”.

(b): As regards Ministry of Food Processing Industries, it is implementing a central sector umbrella scheme “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojna (PMKSY)” for creation of modern food processing and preservation infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet. Through this schematic intervention, Ministry is aiming to increase the level of processing and preservation of agri-produce including that of fruit and vegetables thereby reducing the wastage/rotting of the fruits and vegetables.

The year-wise details of processing and preservation capacity to be created under the projects sanctioned under PMKSY is as below:

Year	Processing Capacity added (LMT#)	Preservation Capacity added (LMT#)
2018-19	12.42	4.64
2019-20	26.83	6.91
2020-21	23.38	8.48
2021-22	38.02	2.73

Lakh Metric Tons

(c): Detail of funds allocated and utilized under PMKSY is as below:

2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22 (As on 31.01.2022)	
Allocation *	Expenditure *	Allocation *	Expenditure *	Allocation *	Expenditure *	Allocation *	Expenditure *
870.19	591.26	889.19	694.81	749.90	664.75	791	510.12

** Rupees in Crores*
