GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2618

ANSWERED ON 02ND AUGUST, 2022

INTEGRATED COLD CHAIN

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

- (a) whether the Government has met its target of adding 44 cold chain units under scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure for the year 2021-22;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, state wise;
- (c) the details of the total number of farmers in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra who have benefited due to cold chain units during the year 2021-22; and
- (d) the total employment generates due to setting up of the cold chain units during the year2021-22?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): A total of 32 cold chain projects became operational during 2021-22 against the targeted completion of 44 cold chain projects. State-wise break-up of cold chain projects, including reasons for delay in their completion, is given in **Annexure**.
- (c): The number of farmers benefited in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra due to Cold Chain units during the year 2021-22 are 38,208 and 66,864 respectively.
- (d): The total employment generated through the establishment of cold chain units during 2021-22 is 19,200.

ANNEXURE REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2618 FOR ANSWER ON 02ND AUGUST, 2022 REGARDING "INTEGRATED COLD CHAIN"

Status of 44 cold chain units:

S.No.	State/UT	Number of Projects Operational	Number of projects under various stages of implementation
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4	2
2.	Himachal Pradesh	1	2
3.	Jammu and Kashmir	2	-
4.	Karnataka	1	-
5.	Kerala	-	1
6.	Madhya Pradesh	2	-
7.	Maharashtra	8	2
8.	Odisha	1	-
9.	Punjab	2	1
10.	Rajasthan	1	-
11.	Tamil Nadu	2	1
12.	Telangana	4	-
13.	Uttarakhand	2	-
14.	Uttar Pradesh	1	1
15.	West Bengal	1	2
	TOTAL	32	12

^{*} Besides delays in implementation on account of securing statutory clearances from the respective Agencies (like Revenue Authority, Town Planning Authority, Electricity Authority, Water Authority, Pollution Control Board, Licensing Authority etc.). Cold Chain Projects are dependent on import of plant & machinery from Europe & South-East Asia and their transportation has severely impacted due to travel restrictions imposed by the respective countries in the wake of Covid pandemic. Also, some of the States having large share of such projects like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, etc. were badly affected due to Corona virus. There have been travel restrictions and non-availability of required manpower.