

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1650
ANSWERED ON 05TH December, 2024

SPOILING OF FOOD DUE TO LACK OF FOOD PROCESSING

1650. SHRI ARUN GOVIL:

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

- (a) the details of the average quantum of foodgrains, fruits and vegetables produced in the country which get spoiled due to lack of food processing;
- (b) whether the agriculture universities of the country particularly Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology, Meerut has the facility of teaching food processing as a subject; and
- (c) if not, the time by which the said subject is likely to be introduced to protect fruits, vegetables and foodgrains by processing them?

ANSWER

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

(a). The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) had commissioned a study through NABARD Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd. (NABCONS), namely, "Study to determine Post harvest losses of Agri Produce in India" in 2022 with reference year 2020-22. The details of the average production and quantity lost of foodgrains, fruits and vegetables as revealed by the study are as under:

Category	Average Production (In million MT)	Estimated Quantity lost (In million MT)
Cereals	281.28	12.49
Pulses	21.55	1.37
Oilseeds	37.27	2.11
Fruits	90.82	7.36
Vegetables	164.74	11.97

(b) & (c). Yes, all the agriculture universities of the country including Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology, Meerut has the facility of teaching food processing as a subject.
