

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1521
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 2025

COLD CHAIN SCHEME IN TRIPURA

**1521. SHRI VISHWESHWAR HEGDE KAGERI:
SHRI BIPLAB KUMAR DEB:**

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

- (a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that small farmers and smaller organizations are aware of and can access the scheme's benefits, specifically in remote or underdeveloped areas particularly in the State of Tripura;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to expand the Cold Chain scheme beyond the existing framework; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Under the scheme of Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure a component of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojna (PMKSY) of Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), project proposals are invited from time to time across the country including state of Tripura by floating Expression of Interests (EoIs) on the Ministry's website. For wider publicity of the above scheme, it is also circulated through Press Information Bureau (PIB) and leading national and regional newspapers. The Ministry also promotes awareness of the scheme through its social media platforms and official website. Additionally, detailed information, guidelines, and updates about the scheme are made available on the official website, providing easy access to relevant resources. Individuals including small farmers as well as entities/ organizations such as FPOs/FPCs/NGOs/PSUs/Firms/Companies, etc. are eligible to avail benefits under the scheme.

Under the scheme of Promotional Activities of MoFPI, Ministry has provided financial assistance to various eligible organizations for organizing 60 events such as seminars, workshops, conferences, exhibitions etc. across the country during the year 2024 to create awareness among stakeholders including small farmers and Farmers Producers Organization (FPO) on various schemes of the Ministry including cold chain scheme.

(b) & (c): The Cold Chain scheme is ongoing, and demand driven. Project proposals are invited by the Ministry of the across the country from time to time based on availability of funds under the scheme.