

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1563
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 2025

COLD CHAIN SCHEME IN RAJASTHAN

1563. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA MEENA:

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

- (a) the impact of the targets set for the available facilities and their expansion to small farmers under cold chain schemes across the country, particularly in Rajasthan;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to achieve the said targets;
- (c) the status of the measures taken/being taken by the Government to address major challenges in the expansion of the cold chain schemes; and
- (d) the details of new strategies to be adopted in the future to make the said schemes more effective?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a component scheme namely Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (Cold Chain scheme) under the Central Sector umbrella scheme- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY). Under Cold Chain scheme, no State /UT- wise (including the State of Rajasthan) allocation of funds is made. The above scheme has significantly contributed positively at micro level (farmers and cold chain owners) by increasing income through better price realization, value addition and wastage reduction etc. across the country including in the state of Rajasthan. The scheme has also contributed significantly at macro level to the economy across the country including the state of Rajasthan in terms of increased investment, employment creation and reduction in wastage etc.

In the state of Rajasthan, 12 cold chain projects have been completed with the assistance of the Ministry with total project cost of ₹ 281.10 crore including MoFPI grants-in-aid/ subsidy of ₹

73.15 crore and private investment of ₹ 207.95 crore since its inception to 2024-25 (till 31.01.2025) thereby creating preservation and processing Infrastructure of 1.31 LMT/annum and 2.54 LMT/annum respectively. These projects benefit 114624 farmers and created employment opportunities for 7200 persons.

(c) & (d): 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 Rajasthan 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 seminar, workshop, conference, 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.
