

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2342
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2025

AGENDA TO REDUCE FOOD WASTAGE

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

- (a) whether the Ministry's 100-day agenda includes specific measures to reduce food wastage in the supply chain, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has recently conducted any assessment of the post-harvest losses across the country including Bhiwani and Mahendragarh in Haryana if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is collaborating with any international organizations or foreign investors to improve food processing and cold storage infrastructure and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the assessment of post-harvest losses in the Sidhi Parliamentary Constituency and whether there is adequate storage infrastructure in the said constituency;
- (e) if so, the details thereof including any proposed or ongoing projects in Bhiwani- Mahendragarh; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor and the efforts being made in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a): In order to promote food processing sector, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is already incentivizing setting up/expansion of related infrastructure through its Central Sector Scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) and Centrally Sponsored PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme. Implementation of these schemes not only helps in creating processing and preservation infrastructure but also reduce the food wastage in the supply chain. These schemes are not region or state specific but demand driven.

(b): The Ministry estimates post-harvest losses from time to time for various agri-produces in the country through commissioning of studies based on primary surveys. Ministry had conducted “Study to determine Post-Harvest Losses of Agri Produce in India” through NABARD Consultancy Service Pvt. Ltd (NABCONS) in the year 2022. The study was conducted to provide estimates of post-harvest losses for selected 54 crops/commodities at the national level. As per the study report, the details of the losses estimated in Bhiwani and Mahendragarh district of Haryana are as below:

Crops/Commodities	Estimated Loss(%)	
	Bhiwani	Mahendergarh
Bajra	3.74	3.75
Cottonseed	2.14	2.28
Chickpea	6.98	-
Rapeseed/ Mustard	4.97	-

(c) to (f): The schemes of the Ministry are demand driven in nature and applications are invited through Expression of Interest (EoI) from all over India. The Ministry does not establish food-processing units on its own, including cold storage infrastructure. Further, Ministry does not support standalone cold storages.

The Government of India actively promotes foreign investment in food processing sector by encouraging 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) subject to sectoral regulations and 100% Foreign Direct Investment, under Government approval route, for trading including through e-commerce, in respect of food products manufactured or produced in India.

As per the report of the “Study to determine Post-Harvest Losses of Agri Produce in India” commissioned by MoFPI, the scope of the study was to assess post-harvest losses with respect to 54 crops/commodities across all 15 agro-climatic zones of India. All major producing districts of identified crops were covered under the study. Accordingly, no crop was selected in Sidhi district of Madhya Pradesh.

Under PMFME scheme, in Bhiwani, 48 loans have been sanctioned under credit Linked Subsidy with loan sanctioned amount of ₹4.42 crore and in Mahendragarh, 18 loans have been sanctioned under credit Linked Subsidy with loan sanctioned amount of ₹ 3.13 crore.

Under Creation / Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC), a component scheme of PMKSY, a project namely RCOM Oils and Solvex Private Limited has been approved in Bhiwani, with total project cost of ₹20.71 crore and grants in aid of ₹5.00 crore. Project is operational and grants in aid of ₹5.00 crore has been released.
