

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 665
ANSWERED ON 06th FEBRUARY, 2025

COLD CHAIN SCHEME

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SHRI ALOK SHARMA:
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:
SHRI BHOJRAJ NAG:
SMT. SHOBHANABEN MAHENDRASINH BARAIYA:
SHRI RAVINDRA SHUKLA ALIAS RAVI KISHAN:

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

- (a) the steps being taken to ensure that small farmers and small organisations particularly in remote or underdeveloped areas are made aware of and are able to avail benefits of the cold chain scheme;
- (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), proposals are invited from time to time across the country including remote or underdeveloped areas by floating Expression of Interest (EoI) 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 Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Ministry has been providing financial assistance to various eligible organizations for organizing events such as seminars, workshops, conferences, exhibitions etc. across the country to create awareness among stakeholders including small farmers and small organizations on various schemes of the Ministry including cold chain scheme. During the year 2024, 60 events were organized with the assistance of MoFPI by various organizations for the above purpose.

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