

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 125
ANSWERED ON 29TH JANUARY, 2026

SETTING UP OF MEGA FOOD PARKS IN KALAHANDI

125. SMT. MALVIKA DEVI:

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to set up mega food parks, agro processing centres and cold chain projects during the last year along with the plans for the State of Odisha and especially for Kalahandi Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (b) the measures taken by the Government to fast track such projects especially as land acquisition might be a problem in quick starting the projects;
- (c) whether the Government has made assessment of the post-harvest losses of fruits and vegetables and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there have been adequate cold storage and refrigerated transport facilities provided to tribal, rural and aspirational districts to bridge regional gaps and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) does not set up food processing projects on its own but provides financial assistance for setting up of food processing projects in the country under its central sector umbrella “Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY)” scheme. MoFPI invites proposals from interested entities/organizations through Expression of Interest (EoI) floated from time to time, in accordance with the scheme guidelines. The scheme is demand-driven and the funds are not allocated/sanctioned/released State-wise under any of the component schemes of PMKSY. As on date, in the state of Odisha, 02 projects have been approved under Mega Food Parks component (MFP has been discontinued w.e.f 01.04.2021 with provision for committed liabilities only), 01 project has been approved under Agro processing Cluster component and 08 projects have been approved under Cold Chain component of PMKSY. No project has been approved in Kalahandi Lok Sabha Constituency, Odisha under the aforementioned component schemes.

(b) The responsibility of execution, ownership and management of the projects supported under PMKSY vests with the Project Implementing Agency (PIA). The Project Implementation Agencies are required to obtain all statutory clearances including planning, implementation, land acquisition, regulatory clearances, market linkages and technology adoption on their own. In case a request is received from the project implementation agencies, the Ministry takes up the matter with the concerned central/state government departments/agencies to facilitate resolution of issues faced by PIAs during project implementation.

(c) 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. As per the report submitted by NABCONS, the details of estimated loss of various commodities reported in the study are as under:

Post-harvest losses of major crops and commodities

Crops/ Commodities	Estimated Percentage Loss (%)
Cereals	3.89-5.92
Pulses	5.65-6.74
Oil Seeds	2.87-7.51
Fruits	6.02-15.05
Vegetables	4.87-11.61
Plantation Crops & Spices	1.29-7.33
Milk	0.87
Fisheries (Inland)	4.86
Fisheries (Marine)	8.76
Meat	2.34
Poultry	5.63
Egg	6.03

(d) MoFPI does not provide financial assistance for stand-alone cold storages under any of the component schemes of PMKSY. However, cold storages for captive use are supported. Assistance is also provided for creation of cold chain infrastructure including mobile pre-cooling vans and reefer trucks under Cold Chain and Operation Green component schemes of PMKSY.

As on 31.12.2025, a total of 690 cold storages for captive use have been supported under various component schemes of PMKSY and a total of 1541 number of Reefer Vehicle & Tanker have been supported under the Cold Chain and Operation Green component schemes to the projects under PMKSY including those from ITDP areas, Rural and aspirational districts.
