

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1387  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> February, 2025

**SUPPORT FOR FARMERS TO REDUCE POST-HARVEST LOSSES AND  
ENHANCE COLD CHAIN INFRASTRUCTURE**

**1387. SHRI SHASHANK MANI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has introduced any initiatives to support farmers by reducing post-harvest losses and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any specific programmes have been introduced by the Government to enhance cold chain infrastructure for agricultural produce and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which these initiatives are contributing to improve farmers' incomes; and
- (d) whether the Government has any further plans to expand or enhance support for reducing post-harvest losses and strengthening cold chain infrastructure 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) is implementing a central sector umbrella scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY). Under component schemes of PMKSY, Ministry provides financial assistance up to ₹15 crore, @ 35% of eligible project cost for projects in general areas & @50% of eligible project cost for projects in Difficult Areas as well as for projects of SC/ST, FPOs & SHG, for setting up food processing industries. PMKSY is a comprehensive package of component schemes, viz. (i) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (Cold Chain scheme), (ii) Operation Greens (OG scheme)- Long term intervention, (iii) Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Cluster (APC scheme), (iv) Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC scheme), (v) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages (CBFL scheme) -discontinued w.e.f. 01.04.2021 and (vi) Mega Food Park scheme (MFP scheme) - discontinued w.e.f. 01.04.2021, which aims at creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet. It provides a boost to the growth of food processing sector in the country, helps in

providing better prices to farmers, creates employment opportunities especially in the rural areas, reduces wastage of agricultural produce, increases the processing levels and enhances the export of processed foods. The details of number of projects approved in component schemes of PMKSY are given at **Annexure-I**.

**(b):** Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing the Central Sector Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure as one of the component of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana with the objective of reducing post-harvest losses of horticulture & non-horticulture produce and providing remunerative price to farmers for their produce. The scheme provides for financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 35% of eligible project cost for projects in General Areas and @ 50% of eligible project cost for projects in Difficult areas as well as for the projects of SC/ST, FPOs and SHGs, subject to the maximum of Rs.10 Crore per project for setting up integrated cold chain projects, including irradiation facilities, without any break from the farm gate to the consumer. The details of number of projects approved, completed and capacity created under Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure are at **Annexure-II**.

**(c) and (d):** The food processing infrastructure adds to the income of the farmers by significantly reducing the wastage, better price realization, and by providing better forward and backward linkages. Cold Chain scheme is demand driven and proposals are invited by the Ministry from across the country through floating Expression of Interests (EoIs) from time to time based on availability of funds under the scheme.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1387 FOR ANSWER ON 13.02.2025 REGARDING “SUPPORT FOR FARMERS TO REDUCE POST-HARVEST LOSSES AND ENHANCE COLD CHAIN INFRASTRUCTURE”**

| <b>Details of number of projects approved in component schemes of PMKSY</b> |  |                          |                                   |
|---|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Sr.No.</b>   | <b>Scheme</b>  | <b>Approved Projects</b> | <b>Approved GIA (Rs in Crore)</b> |
| 1   | Agro Processing Cluster  | 75                       | 194.04                            |
| 2   | Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages                        | 61                       | 143.31                            |
| 3   | Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure          | 397                      | 2108.02                           |
| 4   | Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities | 526                      | 1083.84                           |
| 5   | Mega Food Park   | 41                       | 1175.27                           |
| 6   | Operation Greens   | 45                       | 42.41                             |
|   | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1145</b>              | <b>4746.89</b>                    |

**ANNEXURE-II**

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| <b>Details of projects approved, completed and capacity created under Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure component of PMKSY</b> |   |                          |                           |  |  |
|--|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Sr. No.</b>   | <b>Scheme</b>   | <b>Approved Projects</b> | <b>Completed Projects</b> | <b>Processing Capacity (Lakh MT per annum)</b> | <b>Preservation Capacity (Lakh MT per annum)</b> |
| 1  | Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure | 397                      | 286                       | 112.35   | 25.39  |
| <b>Total</b>   |   | <b>397</b>               | <b>286</b>                | <b>112.35</b>                                  | <b>25.39</b>                                     |

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