

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:380  
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2006  
POST HARVEST LOSS  
Badiga Shri Ramakrishna

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) The percentage of post harvest losses assessed in agriculture sector annually ;
- (b) The details of techniques developed by Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering & Technology, All India Coordinated Research Project on Post Harvest Technology and National Horticulture Board to reduce the post-harvest losses in the country during the last three years; and
- (c) The steps taken to minimize the losses ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 380 DUE FOR REPLY ON 18TH DECEMBER, 2006.

(a) to (c): Annually, the estimated percentage of post harvest losses range from 8-10% in respect of food grains and 8-30% in respect of horticulture produce. The details of techniques developed by Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering & Technology

(CIPHET), Ludhiana and All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Post Harvest Technology to reduce post harvest losses in the country during the last three years is given in Annexure. The technology developed by CIPHET and AICRP on post harvest technology are being demonstrated to farmers and entrepreneurs to minimize post harvest losses. To minimize losses of cereals and pulses, a Central Sector Scheme on `Construction/Renovation of Rural Godown` is being implemented by Directorate of Marketing & Inspection (DMI) since April 2002. For horticulture crops, the Government has launched Centrally Sponsored Schemes on `Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States` in 2000-01 and `National Horticulture Mission` in 2005-06 under which assistance is provided for creating post- harvest infrastructure. Besides, the National Horticulture Board (NHB) is implementing programmes aimed at reducing the losses of horticulture produce through the schemes such as `Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storage for Horticulture Produce` and `Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post-Harvest Management`.