

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1441
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SPOILAGE OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

**1441 SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:**

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

- (a) the number of cold chain and cold storage facilities constructed through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model by the Government to mitigate the spoilage of fruits and vegetables nationwide, with details on their geographical locations and storage capacities; and
- (b) the details on the actions undertaken by the Ministry to curtail agricultural produce wastage and elevate the processing percentage in the country, with a particular emphasis on the establishment of backward and forward linkages as part of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI PASHUPATI KUMAR PARAS)**

(a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not construct any cold chain and cold storage facilities through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. However, the Ministry is implementing a Central Sector Umbrella Scheme - Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY). It is a comprehensive package for creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet. It not only provides boost to the growth of food processing sector in the country but also helps in providing better returns to farmers and creating employment opportunities especially in rural areas thereby reducing wastage of agricultural produce, increasing the processing level and enhancing export of processed foods. Under various sub-schemes of PMKSY, financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid is provided for setting up of food processing projects. However, no standalone cold storage facility is supported under PMKSY.

(b) Under various sub-schemes of PMKSY viz. Operation Greens Scheme - Long Term Interventions, Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure Scheme and Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities Scheme, financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid is provided for setting up of food processing projects which helps to curtail produce wastage and elevate processing percentage in the country.

Under the sub-scheme for Creation of Backward & Forward Linkages (CBFL) of PMKSY, integrated food processing projects with the cold storages were supported. However, this sub-scheme has been discontinued with effect from 01.04.2021 with provision for committed liabilities of ongoing projects only. Under the sub-scheme, 61 projects have been approved since inception (2017-18) with project cost of Rs. 693.30 crore including grants-in-aid of Rs. 167.90 crore and private investment of Rs. 527.16 crore, which helps in creation of processing capacity of 5.02 lakh MT and preservation capacity of 3.78 Lakh MT.
