

designation as biosphere reserves and sanction of financial assistance.

(d) and (e) Declaration of sites as biosphere reserve in itself would not protect the fragile Himalayan environment region from hazardous activities occurring/likely to occur in the region.

Storage facilities for food processing

1686. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 40 per cent of farm produce in the country is wasted due to inappropriate storage, lack of primary processing facilities and inefficient procurement and if so, the steps Government is taking to stop this huge wastage;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a country of the size of India has only 21.7 mt of cold storage facilities in operation, while it needs at least 9-10 mt more of the capacity; and

(c) if so, the action plan of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) It is estimated that the processing level in the food processing sector has gone up from 6% to 10% and value addition has gone up from 20% to 26% during last five years. The level of wastage of agricultural food items is estimated to be about Rs. 50,000/- crores occurring at various stages of handling after harvesting due to fragmented farming, lack of adequate post-harvest infrastructure such as lack of cold chain facilities, transportation, proper storage facilities etc.

In order to increase level of processing and to promote food processing industries to exploit both the domestic and international market potential for processed food products, Vision 2015 Document has been finalized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI), which envisages tripling the size of the processed food sector by increasing the level of processing of perishables from 6% to 20% value addition from 20% to 35% and share in global food trade from 1.5% to 3% by 2015. An integrated strategy for promotion of agribusiness-Vision, Strategy and Action Plan for the Food Processing Sector has also been approved by the Government. There has been increase in substantial rate of growth of the food processing industry from 7% in 2003-04 to 13-14% in 2006-07, which has contributed to reduction of wastages and better value addition.

To encourage setting up of cold chain facilities and backward linkages in the country, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has a Plan Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure during the 11th Plan to provide financial assistance to project proposals received from public / private organizations for cold chain infrastructure development. The scheme envisages financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 50% of the total cost of plant and

machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 75% for North Eastern Region and difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs.10.00 crore. The initiatives are aimed at filling the gaps in the supply chain, strengthening of cold chain infrastructure, establishing value addition with infrastructural facilities like sorting, grading, packaging and processing for horticulture including organic produce, marine, dairy, poultry, etc. MFPI has been mandated to take up 10 such project proposals in first phase, which can be up-scaled to total 30 projects during the 11th plan period on successful progress in the initial 10 projects. Other agencies of the Government like National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and State Government also provide assistance for cold storages under their respective schemes.

The Government, through its schemes for financial assistance and other promotional measures, facilitates creation of food related infrastructure including processing facilities aimed at reducing wastages, enhancing value addition and increasing shelf life. Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has been implementing various schemes for promotion and development of food processing industries in the country. Under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/ Establishment of Food Processing Industries, MFPI extends financial assistance to food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakh in general area or 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakh in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A&N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas. In addition, under the Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern and Himalayan States, higher levels of assistance @ 50% upto Rs. 4.00 crore for setting up and Rs. 1.00 crore for Upgradation of fruit and vegetables processing is available. MFPI has also been implementing various other Plan schemes for promotion and development of food processing industries in the country. Under these schemes, financial assistance in the form of grant in aid is provided for development of infrastructure, human resource development, promotion of quality assurance and research & development and other promotional measures to encourage development of the food processing industries. Under the scheme of strengthening of institutions, various development activities have been undertaken in the area of Human Resource Development for sectors such as grapes, meat and poultry processing, through setting up of National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), Indian Grape Processing Board, National Meat and Poultry Processing Board and upgradation of Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT).

As per the information available with Directorate of Marketing & Inspection (DMI), Ministry of Agriculture, total number of cold storages in the country as on 31.12.2007 is 5316 having total capacity of 23.33 million MT. State-wise and capacity-wise details are given in the Statement.

Statement

Sector-wise distribution of cold storages as on 31/12/2007

Sl. No.	State/UT	Private Sector		Cooperative Sector		Public Sector		Total		Total Capacity In MTs
		No.	Capacity	No.	Capacity	No.	Capacity	No.	Capacity	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT)	01	170	00	00	01	40	02	210	
2.	Andhra Pradesh	260	830762	11	11598	10	3451	281	845811	
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	01	5000	00	00	00	00	01	5000	
4.	Assam	20	88706	01	1000	04	1120	25	90825	
5.	Bihar	234	1233266	18	77200	00	00	252	1310466	
6.	Chandigarh (UT)	05	11216	01	1000	00	00	06	12216	
7.	Chhattisgarh	58	278636	01	29	01	41	60	278706	
8.	Delhi	75	103210	02	5201	16	17680	93	126091	
9.	Gujarat	351	1075148	21	30669	05	6437	377	1112254	
10.	Goa	28	7105	00	00	00	00	28	7105	
11.	Haryana	233	377319	04	3403	06	11399	243	392121	
12.	Himachal Pradesh	08	11413	02	767	07	6195	17	18375	
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	15	40689	03	2134	01	46	19	42869	
14.	Jharkhand	35	142733	08	27415	00	00	43	170148	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
15.	Kerala	168	54095	06	1080	10	1590	184	56765
16.	Karnataka	122	380751	18	6689	17	9594	157	397034
17.	Lakshadweep (UT)	00	00	00	00	01	15	01	15
18.	Maharashtra	361	488667	56	25346	32	13724	448	527737
19.	Madhya Pradesh	160	671374	20	101348	05	2434	185	775166
20.	Manipur	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
21.	Meghalaya	01	1200	00	00	02	2000	03	3200
22.	Mizoram	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
23.	Nagaland	01	5000	01	1150	00	00	02	6150
24.	Orissa	83	206940	11	17400	00	00	94	224240
25.	Pondicherry (UT)	02	35	01	50	00	00	03	85
26.	Punjab	402	1298425	18	39092	00	00	420	1337517
27.	Rajasthan	97	310901	09	3832	01	14	107	314747
28.	Sikkim	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
29.	Tamil Nadu	122	224129	13	7562	04	5162	139	236853
30.	Tripura	03	12750	01	5000	07	11700	11	29450
31.	U.P. & Uttaranchal	1498	8749567	87	281480	03	8000	1588	9039047
32.	West Bengal	476	5634500	51	339000	00	00	527	5973500
TOTAL :		4820	22243607	363	989445	133	100642	5316	23333694

Source: DMI, M/o Agriculture