

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UTs	Total
28.	Punjab	2,784
29.	Rajasthan	777
30.	Sikkim	18
31.	Tamil Nadu	5,186
32.	Tripura	55
33.	Uttar Pradesh	2,116
34.	Uttarakhand	381
35.	West Bengal	1,600

*Source:* Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2011-12.

#### **Chain of cold storage in rural parts of West Bengal**

3084. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place a road-map for setting up of chain of cold storages in rural areas of West Bengal and rest of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether funds have been earmarked for this purpose, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of cold storages set up with the help of Central funds in rural West Bengal during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) For setting up of integrated cold chain and preservation infrastructure facilities without any break from the farm gate to the consumer, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure since 2008-09 throughout the country including rural areas of West Bengal. The scheme is primarily private sector driven wherein financial assistance @ 50% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 75% for NE region and difficult areas (North-Eastern States, Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand) subject to a maximum grant-in-aid of ₹ 10 Crore per project is provided for setting up the cold chain infrastructure in the country. The scheme is available in all States/UTs and rural and urban areas. Integrated cold chain and preservation infrastructure can be set up by

individuals, groups of entrepreneurs, cooperative societies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), NGOs, Central/State PSUs, etc.

Further, the Ministry has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme *i.e.* National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) during 12th Plan. For setting up of cold chain projects for non-horticulture produce like dairy, meat, poultry, fish, etc. financial assistance is provided (a) Capital Subsidy: Grant-in-aid @ 35% of the bank appraised project cost for general areas, and @ 50% of the project cost for difficult areas including North-Eastern region, subject to maximum of ₹ 5 crore and (b) Interest Subsidy: Interest subsidy @ 6% per annum subject to a maximum of ₹ 2.00 crore per project or actual interest accrued on term loan, whichever is lower, for a period of 5 years from completion of the project for general areas, and @ 7 % per annum subject to a maximum of ₹ 3.00 crore per project or actual interest accrued on term loan, whichever is lower, for a period of 7 years from completion of the project for difficult areas including North Eastern Region.

In addition, National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and National Horticulture Board (NHB), under Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India are also providing assistance for setting up cold storages under their respective schemes.

(b) Under the Scheme of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure of Ministry of Food Processing Industries, the fund allocation for 2014-15 is ₹ 160.00 Crore for setting up of integrated Cold Chain Infrastructure, throughout the country. There is no separate State-wise allocation. Under National Horticulture Mission component of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, an allocation of ₹ 42.5 Cr. has been made in respect of West Bengal during the current financial year, out of which 25% is earmarked for creation of post harvest management infrastructure. The budget allocation of National Horticulture Board for the current financial year is ₹ 190.00 crore for setting up cold storages in the country. However, no separate budget allocation for rural West Bengal has been made by them.

(c) During the last five years, 29 cold storages have been set up in the State of West Bengal together under the schemes operated by Ministry of Food Processing Industries, National Horticulture Board and National Horticulture Mission.

#### **Investment in FPIs**

3085. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of fruits and vegetables during the last three years, State-wise;