

Government of Assam has however informed that the State Government is presently allocating 7600 MT of APL rice and 5000 MT of APL wheat per month to Tea Associations for distribution amongst the Tea Garden workers.

Gaps in cold chain infrastructure

*337. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 30 per cent of fruits and vegetables grown in the country get wasted annually due to gaps in cold chain;

(b) whether gaps in cold chain result in farmers not getting remunerative price and impoverishment resulting in farmers' frustrations and suicides;

(c) whether Government is considering using refrigerated containers with solar photovoltaic panels fixed on their rooftops independent of power grid, to transport freshly harvested produce, strategically placed at various locations in farms across the country to close gaps in the cold chain; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH): (a) to (d) A study published in 2012 by Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana, estimated overall losses in fruits and vegetables during operations such as harvesting, cleaning, sorting/grading, packaging, transportation, storage channels, weight loss in storage etc. to be in the range of 5.8 to 18%.

To mitigate such losses and ensure that farmers get better value for their produce, Government is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for holistic development of horticulture to incentivise pre-production, production, post harvest management, processing and marketing infrastructure including use of multi-modal refrigerated containers and renewable energy including solar photovoltaic panels in the cold chain for which credit linked assistance of the admissible cost is available at the rate of 35% in general areas and 50% in hilly and scheduled areas.

Revival of loss making textile mills

*338. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether textile industry is one of the largest employment giving sectors for the unskilled people in the country;

(b) how many textile mills were there in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh in 1980s and how many are still in operation;

(c) the number of textile mills taken over by the National Textile Corporation in these States and the number of workers working there;

(d) whether these units are making profits or are incurring losses; and

(e) in case of losses the quantum thereof and the efforts made to keep them going for the sake of workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Details of textile mills in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh in 1980, and number of mills in operation:-

State	Number of Mills in 1980	Out of which number of Mills operational as on 31.10.2014
Maharashtra	104	16
Madhya Pradesh	24	02

(c) National Textile Corporation (NTC) had acquired 35-mills in Maharashtra and 7-mills in Madhya Pradesh including Bengal Nagpur Cotton mill at Rajnandgaon now in Chhattisgarh State. 3461 workers are employed in Maharashtra and 1203 workers are employed in Madhya Pradesh operational mills.

(d) A statement showing profit and loss in respect of NTC mills in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh during 2013-14 and 2014-15 (April-September, 2014) is given in Statement-I (*See below*).

(e) Under the Modified Revival Scheme-08 approved by Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) NTC had modernized 5 mills in Maharashtra including one mill namely Finlay mill relocated from Mumbai City to Achalpur at a total cost of ₹431.61 crores and 2 mills in Madhya Pradesh at a total cost of ₹218.51 crores. 5 mills are operational in Maharashtra under the Joint Venture route. The details of mill-wise amount spent are given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Statement showing profit/losses in respect of units working in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh during 2013-14 & 2014-15 (April-September 2014)

(₹ in lacs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Mill	Cash Profit/Loss (Provisional)	
		2013-14	2014-15 (April-Sept. '14)
Units Run by NTC			
Maharashtra			
1.	India United Mill. No. 5	-679.33	-366.57
2.	Tata Mills	-1488.68	-849.85
3.	Podar Mills	-863.31	-609.7
4.	Barshi Textile Mills	-264.81	-160.91
5.	Finlay Mills, Achalpur	1116.39	294.18
Units revived through JV route		Profit Before Tax	
1.	Apollo Design Apparel Parks Ltd.	970.49	569.36
2.	Goldmohur Design & Apparel Parks Ltd.	927.55	531.53
3.	Aurangabad Textiles & Apparel Parks	70.00	48.00
4.	New City Of Bombay Mfg. Mills Ltd.	564.00	171.00
5.	India United Textile Mills Ltd.	951.00	662.00
Madhya Pradesh			
1.	New Bhopal Textile Mills	-241.73	-256.04
2.	Burhanpur Tapti Mills	345.64	245.44

Statement-II

Modernization Cost-5 Mills of Maharashtra and 2 Mills of Madhya Pradesh Modernized by N.T.C itself

Sl. No.	Name of the Mills	Amount in ₹ crores spent as on 01.12.14
1	2	3
Maharashtra		
1.	Podar Mills, Mumbai	39.96

1	2	3
2.	Barshi Textile Mills, Barshi	24.67
3.	Tata Mills, Mumbai	80.87
4.	India United Mill No.5, Mumbai	31.44
5.	Finlay Mills, Achalpur	254.66
	SUB TOTAL	431.61
Madhya Pradesh		
1.	Burhanpur Tapti Mills, Burhanpur	118.59
2.	New Bhopal Textile Mills, Bhopal	99.92
	SUB TOTAL	218.51
	TOTAL (7 Mills)	650.12

Railway works for convenience of passengers visiting Kumbh Mela

†*339. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of railway stations and proposed works likely to be undertaken for convenience of passengers visiting Kumbh Mela being organized at Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh in 2016 and the details of time-bound action plan therefor; and

(b) whether in the above context, Ujjain-Fatehabad metre guage railway line will be restarted and measures being undertaken therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU): (a) Depending upon the anticipated volume and pattern of rail traffic during Simhashta Mela 2016, following works have been completed/undertaken by Railway at a total approx. cost of ₹175 crores:

1. Ujjain Railway Station

(i) Works completed

- Improvement to shelter at Platform No.2/3 & 6/7
- Raising of platform Nos. 1, 2/3 & 4/5
- Improvement to circulating area

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.