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6.	Karnataka	401.93	217403
7.	Madhya Pradesh	509.52	280223
8.	Maharashtra	700.17	383766
9.	Punjab	141.45	72510
10.	Rajasthan	446.62	232631
11.	Chandigarh	2.46	2601

Cold storage facilities

2652. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cold storage facilities are existing in only metropolitan cities in the country, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether there is any proposal with Government to create cold storage facilities at town and panchayat levels, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) and (b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure since 2008-09 for providing assistance for setting up of integrated cold chain infrastructure for arresting post-harvest losses of horticultural and non-horticultural produce. The objective of the scheme is to provide integrated cold chain and preservation infrastructure facilities without any break, from the farm gate to the consumer. To achieve this objective, pre-cooling facilities at production sites, reefer vans and mobile cooling units are also assisted under the Integrated Cold Chain projects. 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. with business interest in cold chain solutions and also by those who manage supply chain.

The scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure is primarily private sector driven and provides flexibility to the promoters to choose the components, their capacities and location of the project as per techno economic feasibility conducted by them and ensuring the viability of the project *vis-à-vis* availability of adequate infrastructure and smooth backward and forward integration.