

**Cutting down on food wastage**

2318. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to cut down on food wastage, nation-wide, by linking major foodgrain producing States with States experiencing high demand as well as the food processing industry;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and present status of cold chain storage and cold chain logistics in the country; and

(c) the time-frame for implementation of the proposal and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI): (a) to (c) The Government is already implementing various schemes for creation of modern infrastructure and efficient supply chain for facilitating preservation and processing of different agro produce including foodgrains depending upon the type of agro-produce in addition to the procurement activities as part of, *inter alia*, demand supply management of some agricultural commodities to, *inter-alia*, cut down food wastage in the country. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing various Central Sector Schemes for overall development of food processing sector with objectives, *inter alia*, of reducing of wastage of agricultural produce and processing and value addition thereof. MoFPI is now implementing the Central Sector Umbrella Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) with seven components *viz.* (i) Mega Food Parks, (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, (iii) Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters, (iv) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages, (v) Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities, (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure, and (vii) Human Resources and Institutions. The PMKSY is designed to create robust modern infrastructure along the entire food processing value/supply chain *i.e.* from farm gate to consumer. Also, MoFPI is implementing a Central Sector Scheme for “Operation Greens” as a vertical of PMKSY for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) crops value chain, with an outlay of ₹ 500 crore in selected States on pilot basis.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for development of Horticulture in the country under which financial assistance is available, *inter alia*, for setting up of post harvest management infrastructure including establishment of cold storages. Further, the National Horticulture Board (NHB) of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is

implementing (i) Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post-Harvest Management of Horticulture Crops; and (ii) Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages for Horticulture Products providing financial assistance for setting up of, *inter alia*, cold storage facilities.

Under the schemes of 'Mega Food Parks' and 'Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure' of PMKSY, and schemes of 'MIDH' and 'NHB' a total of 2,114 number of cold storage/cold chain/deep freeze/controlled atmosphere/modified atmosphere based storage infrastructure/logistic has been established/approved throughout the country.

#### **Export of food items**

2319. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of food processing industries in the country and how many of them are functioning at present, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether Government has been exporting food items from the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of countries who have signed an agreement for the export of food items from India and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI): (a) As per the latest Annual Survey of Industries, 2016-17 there are 39,740 registered food processing units/factories in the country out of which 34,711 are in operation. The State/UT-wise list of such units is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) The export of food products from India are done by the private exporters. As per Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS), Kolkata, India's export of food items in the year 2017-18 and 2018-19 was to the tune of USD 35467.91 Million and USD 35303.19 Million respectively.

(c) The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce has not entered into any specific agreement for export of food items from India. However, the Government is constantly engaged in the process of gaining market access for various agricultural products with different countries. This is a continuous process and agreements for market access for specific agricultural product(s) are entered into with different countries from time to time. Under various bilateral Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) that India has entered into have provisions, *inter alia*, for export of food items.