

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
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POST-HARVEST LOSSES IN THE INDIAN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR

2165. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any steps are being taken to promote cold chain as an important enabler in minimizing post-harvest losses in the Indian food processing sector, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any budget has been allocated and funds disbursed for the same so far; and
- (c) whether there is any data on multiplier effect in wastage of inputs like water and fertilizers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a): In order to minimize the post-harvest losses and enhance value addition in the agricultural produce, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing the "Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure Scheme" which is a component of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY). A total of 353 project have been approved under the scheme till date for various States/UTs.

(b): The details of funds allotted and expended during 2016-17 to 2021-22 is as under:-

Year	Budget Estimate (Rupees in Crores)	Revised Estimate (Rupees in Crores)	Expenditure (Rupees in Crores)
2016-17	158.23	185.21	184.88
2017-18	180.00	198.68	196.15
2018-19	400.00	271.59	244.74
2019-20	290.00	326.16	271.12
2020-21	349.71	252.58	207.40
2021-22	227.60	-	53.45 (as on 30.06.2021)

(c): Soil, Water, Fertilizer etc. affect the quality and losses but no quantified is data available.
