

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
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REFRIGERATED TRANSPORT FACILITIES FOR EXPORT

2940. SHRI VAMSI KRISHNA GADDAM:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to fund the establishment of an irradiation plant in Telangana to increase the shelf life of fruits and vegetables, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to provide cold storage and refrigerated transport facilities for the export of perishable items like milk, eggs, and vegetables from Telangana;
- (c) the expected timeline for the implementation of these facilities; and
- (d) the extent to which initiatives align with the broader goal of transforming Telangana into a trillion-dollar economy?

ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (d) The Department of Commerce supports creation of export related infrastructure in the country by bridging gaps, if any and also supports export efforts by facilitating export linkages. Accordingly, an assistance of Rs. 13.64 crore has been approved in principle for a project proposal for 'Setting up of Irradiation Facility in Hyderabad' under a Central Sector Scheme, namely 'Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)'.

Telangana is a major rice exporter and a key supplier of fresh fruits like mangoes, pomegranates, and custard apples, with focus on GI Banganapalli mangoes. To promote the export of its Scheduled products, including from Telangana, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Department of Commerce, provides financial assistance to its registered exporters through its Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS). The scheme has the following components:

i. Scheme for infrastructure Development- Financial assistance for setting up of packhouses facilities with packing / grading lines, pre-cooling unit with cold storage and refrigerated transportation etc., cable system for handling of crops like banana, pre-shipment treatment facilities such as irradiation, vapor heat treatment, hot water dip treatment and Common infrastructure facilities, reefer vans and missing gap in the existing infrastructure of individual exporters.

ii. Scheme for Quality Development- Financial assistance for purchase of laboratory testing equipment, installation of quality management system, handheld devices for capturing farm level coordinates for traceability and testing of water, soil, residues and pesticides etc.

iii. Scheme for Market Promotion- The assistance covers participation of exporters in international trade fairs, organizing buyer seller meets and developing packaging standards for new products and upgrading the existing standards.

The details of financial assistance guidelines are available at APEDA Website www.apeda.gov.in under the “Scheme” tab.

Further, the Government of India through Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing a component - Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (Cold Chain scheme) under an umbrella Central Sector Scheme - Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY). Under Cold Chain scheme, financial support in the form of grants-in-aid/subsidy is provided for setting up of irradiation facility, for various sectors including perishable items across the country, including the State of Telangana. It also includes cold storage, grading and sorting facilities, reefer vans for storage and transportation of raw materials and finished products.

There is no State-wise fund allocation as the scheme is demand driven and applications/proposals are invited from the eligible entities across the country by floating Expression of Interest. As present, there is no irradiation project being funded by MoFPI in the State of Telangana.

All the aforementioned initiatives taken by the Government to boost the exports, will help in increasing the exports of agricultural products from the State of Telangana, which in turn would contribute towards helping the State in achieving the goal of transforming Telangana into a trillion-dollar economy.
