

Development of infrastructure under APEDA

180. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme for development of infrastructure under Agricultural Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the State-wise scale of assistance provided during the last three years;
- (d) the details of result/target achieved during the last three years;
- (e) whether there is any monitoring mechanism to evaluate the performance of engaged agencies; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under its Infrastructure Development Scheme provides Financial Assistance in the following manner:

- (i) For setting up of common Infrastructure like Pack Houses, cargo handling facilities, Establishment of Quality Labs to State Governments or its nominated agencies, APEDA provides financial assistance up to 100% of the cost of project. The facilities under the scheme is provided to Government (State and central Govt. agencies) or Public sector undertakings.
 - (ii) For establishment of Infrastructure facilities, financial assistance is provided to individual exporters with a financial ceiling of 25% of the cost or the upper ceiling fixed for the individual components as per laid down guidelines.
- (c) State-wise and year-wise details of financial assistance sanctioned by APEDA during last three year under the Scheme of Infrastructure Development is given in Statement (*See below*).
- (d) Year-wise achievement in terms of disbursement of financial assistance to the beneficiaries during last three years under the Scheme of Infrastructure Development is as under:

(Rs in crore)

	2008-09		2009-10		2010-11	
	Financial	Number of agencies/beneficiaries	Financial	Number of agencies/beneficiaries	Financial	Number of agencies/beneficiaries
Common Infrastructure	34.4	18	25.41	14	49.05	25
Individual Exporters	12.97	125	5.98	80	12.55	147
TOTAL :	47.37	143	31.39	94	61.6	172

(e) and (f) Following mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation of the performance of engaged agencies; Government and Government agencies and private individual are in place:

- (1) The approved projects of Government and Government agencies are being monitored by the beneficiary as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between APEDA and beneficiary agency. The major parameters of the MoU for assuring proper utilization of funds, commissioning and effective implementation of the projects as per the objectives are; detailed responsibility of effective running, operation and maintenance of facility for the purpose is specified in feasibility analysis of the project. Thereafter stage wise release of financial assistance for the project after the verification of progress of commissioning work as per terms and conditions of MoU. APEDA assures the utilization of funds as per TOR of approved projects duly after physical Verification and funds utilization details. As per MoU, a committee has to be constituted by the beneficiary agency for Levying and fixation of usage charges to run the facility for exporters in consultation with APEDA.
- (2) Financial assistance is provided to Individual Exporters for establishment of Infrastructure facilities. The financial assistance under the scheme is disbursed by APEDA only after due physical verification and full utilization of sanctioned amount by Individual beneficiary exporters (Back ended subsidy). APEDA ensures effective commissioning and implementation of the individual projects by ensuring progress through compliance of filing regular monthly/quarterly or annual export returns by exporter beneficiary under the scheme.
- (3) APEDA also ensures providing financial assistance under other components of the schemes of APEDA only after filing of export returns by beneficiary.

Statement

*State-wise Financial Assistance sanctioned during last three years
under Infrastructure Scheme*

(A) Common integrated Pack Houses set up by PSUs with APEDA's Financial Assistance

States	(Rs. in lakh)		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Maharashtra	490.04	-	-
Rajasthan	188.19	-	-
Andhra Pradesh	670.76	-	30.00

States	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Punjab	117.69	267.50	-
Uttar Pradesh	195.80	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	150.00	-	308.00
West Bengal	56.91	-	-
Assam	594.16	-	-
Kerala	148.32	-	58.50
Goa	73.68	-	58.05
Mizoram	160.00	-	-
Karnataka	382.48	261.20	481.20
Sikkim	75.95	-	-
Himachal Pradesh	-	328.26	535.51
Orissa	-	-	220.00
Gujarat	-	-	508.24
TOTAL	3303.98	856.96	2199.5

(B) Individual exporters-pack houses/pre-cooling/high humidity cold storage during 2008-09 to 2010-11

(Rs. in lakh)

States	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Maharashtra	223.55	421.48	192.38
Karnataka	41.84	-	-
Gujarat	18.94	16.75	-
Punjab	25.00	-	-
TOTAL	309.33	438.23	192.38

Lifting ban on investments from Pakistan

181. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to lift the ban on investments from Pakistan in return for concessions form across the border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is also considering Foreign Direct Investment at par with those from Bangladesh; and