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Q6

What are the impediments in marketing and supply chain management in developing the food processing industry in India? Can e-commerce help in overcoming this bottleneck?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS III · 12 marks · Food Processing

Food processing and related industries in India - scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.

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Post-harvest loss

Fruits and vegetables often lose about a quarter to a third of volume after harvest when cold chain and grading are weak.

APMC

Agricultural Produce Market Committee laws that in many States still route first sale through notified yards and licensed traders.

Mega Food Parks

Ministry of Food Processing Industries scheme for cluster infrastructure: collection, processing and plug-and-play plots.

Cold chain

Pack-houses, reefer transport and storage that keep perishables processable; capacity remains uneven across States.

FSSAI

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India: the statutory standard that processors and e-retail of food must meet.

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