

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 280**  
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2023

**FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN RURAL AREAS**

**280. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:**

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any reforms for increasing the level of food-processing industry in rural areas and encouraging rural entrepreneurship; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken to develop infrastructure logistics and a cold chain in rural areas?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b):** In order to increase the level of food- processing industry and encouraging rural entrepreneurship across the country including rural areas, Ministry Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing Central Sector Umbrella Scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) and Centrally sponsored PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme. PMFME Scheme provides financial, technical and business support for setting up/upgradation of 2 Lakh micro food processing enterprises through credit linked subsidy during five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs. 10,000 cr. Under component schemes of PMKSY, MoFPI mostly provides financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid to entrepreneurs for creation of modern infrastructure and setting up of food processing / preservation industries including Cold Chains with associated infrastructure like primary processing facilities, collection centres, pre-conditioning, pre-cooling, ripening, packing etc.

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