

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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PROCESSING OF FOREST AND ORGANIC PRODUCTS IN JHARKHAND

1061.SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:

Will the **MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various centrally sponsored schemes to promote the processing of forest and organic products in Jharkhand, during the last five years;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to set up educational training units to train local residents of Jharkhand about availability of forest and organic products and their world class processing and marketing; if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any scheme is in place to provide economic incentives by Government to set up world class processing and marketing units for forest and organic products available in Jharkhand; if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is extending credit linked subsidy to the interested individual/entity for upgradation of existing or setting up of new micro-food processing facility, in accordance with the guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme, which is implemented in the State of Jharkhand, besides other State/UTs. Establishment of Common Infrastructure projects by FPOs/SHGs/Cooperatives/Govt. Entities; Seed Capital to SHG members; Marketing & Branding projects for ODOP; and Capacity Building through training institutions are also supported as per the PMFME scheme guidelines. Additionally, establishment of Mini-TRIFOOD Units for primary and secondary processing of Minor Forest Produce is also supported under the scheme, in convergence with TRIFED.

15 unique products from all the 24 districts of Jharkhand have been notified by MoFPI as ODOP. These are Peda, Honey, Jaggery, Tomato based products, Chilly based products, Lime based products, Mango based products, Guava based products, Custard Apple based products, Jackfruit based products, Potato based products, Papaya based products, and Minor Forest Produce (Tamarind, Mahua, Chironjee). In addition, non-ODOP items, including traditional & innovative products, honey, herbal products (like turmeric, amla, haldi, etc.) are being supported under the scheme.

Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi has also been nominated for providing capacity building/training in the State of Jharkhand, under the PMFME scheme.

Two institutions under the administrative control of the MoFPI, namely National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship & Management, Kundli, Haryana and National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship & Management, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu are running academic and capacity building courses on various aspects of the food processing/technology.