

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION IN FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY

267. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study or survey regarding creation of job opportunities through schemes like PLI Scheme for Food Processing Industry, Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) & Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampda Yojana (PMKSY) since its inception;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the unorganised food processing sector contributes 74 per cent of employment in food processing sector and still face challenges including lack of access to modern technology and equipment, training, access to institutional credit, lack of basic awareness on quality control, and lack of branding; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to tackle these challenges?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per evaluation studies carried out for relevant component schemes of Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), substantial direct/indirect employment opportunities have been created in projects supported through its relevant component schemes. The evaluation study of Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure Scheme under PMKSY, conducted by M/s NABARD Consultancy Limited in the Year 2020, has estimated that each project has resulted in creation of about 600 direct/ indirect employment opportunities. It is estimated that about 9.69 Lakh direct/ indirect employment opportunities have been generated through projects completed under component schemes of PMKSY. As Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) and Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) are relatively new schemes, no such evaluation study has been conducted for these.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Food Processing Industries(MoFPI) is implementing a centrally sponsored PM Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme for providing financial, technical and business support for setting up / upgradation of 2 lakh micro food processing enterprises in the country through credit linked subsidy during five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs. 10,000 cr. The scheme aims to enhance the competitiveness of individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and promote formalization of the sector. Under the Capacity Building component of PMFME Scheme, MoFPI provide Grants for training of Trainers, District Resource Persons, Entrepreneurs and various other groups. Grants upto 50% for branding and marketing support to groups of Micro Food Processing Enterprises is available under related component of PMFME Scheme.
