

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
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PROBLEMS OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY

1547. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the food processing sector in the country has been facing various challenges, such as inadequate infrastructure, lack of proper storage and cold chain facilities, and an effective supply chain; and
- (b) if so, the measures being taken to address these problems for the growth of this sector and enabling it to make a significant contribution to GDP and reduce food wastage?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

(a) & (b): In order to ensure overall development of Food Processing Sector and to help it face various challenges, Ministry of 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.

Under component schemes of PMKSY, MoFPI provides mostly credit linked financial assistance (capital subsidy) to entrepreneurs with total outlay of Rs 4600 Cr for 15th Finance Commission Cycle. So far, Ministry has approved 41 Mega food Parks, 372 Cold Chain projects, 73 Agro- Processing Clusters, 513 Food Processing Units, 61 Creation of Backward & Forward Linkages Projects & 53 Operation Green projects under corresponding component schemes of PMKSY.

MoFPI also provides financial, technical and business support for setting up/ upgradation of micro food processing enterprises under PMFME scheme. The scheme is operational for a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 with total outlay of Rs 10,000 Crore. A total of 62712 micro food processing enterprises have been approved for assistance under PMFME.

PLISFPI is, inter alia, intended to support creation of global food manufacturing champions and support Indian brands of food products in international market. The Scheme is being implemented over a six-year period from 2021-22 to 2026-27 with an outlay of Rs. 10,900 crores and a total of 176 food processing companies have been approved for assistance under various categories of the scheme.
