

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2156**  
ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

**SCHEME TO SUPPORT SUPPLY CHAIN IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR**

**2156. SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to improve the fragmented supply chains in the food processing sector in the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government will announce any new scheme to support the large number of unorganized players in the supply chain in the food processing sector in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government has undertaken any initiatives to promote digitalization or technology adoption in the food processing supply chain to enhance efficiency and reduce wastage?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b). Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), through its schemes, is helping strengthening of food processing/ preservation infrastructure with efficient supply chain across the country. MoFPI is implementing Central Sector Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) Scheme since 2016-17, and Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) since 2021-22 and Centrally sponsored Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme since 2020-21 for the overall development of food processing sector, including creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet, and to help in providing better returns to farmers, creation of employment opportunities, reducing wastage, increasing the processing level and enhancing the export of the processed foods. All these three schemes are demand driven and implemented across the country.

(c) & (d). PMFME scheme administered by MoFPI is aimed at enhancing competitiveness & promoting formalization of micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing through financial, technical and business support. It provides the framework for value chain development and alignment of support infrastructure. The scheme also envisages strengthening backward and forward linkages, provision of common facilities, incubation

centres, training, marketing & branding. The Scheme is operational from 2020-21 to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 10,000 Crore.

(e). In order to promote digitalization and technology adoption in Food Processing Sector, MoFPI extends Grant-in-Aid to educational and research institutions including Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) recognized Research and Development (R&D) units in private sector for related demand driven R&D projects through its R&D scheme under PMKSY. 80 research projects have been approved since 2017-18 till 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2024 with an approved subsidy of Rs. 28.75 crore. In addition, National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship & Management (NIFTEM) Kundli and NIFTEM, Thanjavur, under administrative control of MoFPI, are also engaged in R&D activities in the sector. Schemes of MoFPI are, inter alia, intended to develop value-added products, bringing innovative technologies, enhancing productivity & efficiency in food processing and thus reducing wastage of food.

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