

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2948
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FUND ALLOCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT UNDER PMFME SCHEME

2948. SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:

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

- (a) the total funds allocated and utilized under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme since its inception, particularly in Odisha;
- (b) the initiatives taken to provide skill development and training programs to entrepreneurs in the food processing sector;
- (c) whether the scheme has led to an increase in employment opportunities, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure equitable distribution of funds and opportunities across rural and urban areas?

ANSWER

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

(a). Under the Centrally Sponsored “Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme” operational from FY 2020-21 to 2025-26, an amount of Rs. 2197.19 Cr. has been released to States/ UTs till 31st October 2024 for implementation of various components of the Scheme. For the State of Odisha, Rs. 75.27 Cr has been released and Rs. 53.22 Cr has been utilized since inception of the PMFME Scheme.

(b). The skilling component is not a part of the PMFME Scheme. The Capacity Building component under the PMFME Scheme provisions providing 24 Hours/ 3 Days, Food Processing Enterprise Development Programme (EDP) Training for all applicants of individual and Group category (SHGs/ FPOs/ Cooperatives) recommended for availing credit linked grant by District Level Committee (DLC) and 8 hours/1day training for SHG beneficiaries of Seed Capital under PMFME Scheme. Training curriculum includes food safety and hygiene practices, entrepreneurship development, Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) preparation, value addition scope and certifications relevant for food sector. Accordingly, a total of 87,477 beneficiaries have been trained till 31st October, 2024.

(c). Yes, Sir. Employment opportunities have been created under interventions of PMFME Scheme. Till 31.10.2024, 06,88,125 direct / indirect employment has been generated throughout the country under the Scheme.

(d). The benefits under the scheme are demand driven. To ensure equal opportunities across rural and urban areas Scheme awareness activities through National & State level awareness campaigns such as Newspaper advertisement, Radio Jingles, Exhibitions & Expos, Millet Fairs, Buyer-Seller Meets, district and block level workshops etc. are conducted with the aim to enhance the awareness of general public and for their participation for availing benefits under the Scheme.
