

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 548**  
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**EXPANSION OF FOOD PROCESSING CAPACITY**

**548. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:**

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

- (a) whether central sector Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for food processing industry is targeted to facilitate expansion of food processing capacity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which the scheme is creating champion brands; and
- (d) the number of proposals received and approved under the scheme so far?

**ANSWER**

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

(a), (b) & (c). Yes, the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for the Food Processing Industry is specifically designed to facilitate the expansion of food processing capacity in India. The scheme, with a financial outlay of ₹10,900 crores, is being implemented from 2021-22 to 2026-27. Its primary objectives include incentivizing the manufacturing of selected food product categories (including millet-based products), promoting innovative and organic products developed by small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and supporting the branding and marketing of Indian food brands in global markets.

The scheme is fostering the creation of champion brands by supporting food manufacturing entities in expanding their processing capacities and promoting strong Indian brands. It is actively encouraging the growth of innovative and organic products from SMEs while assisting in the branding and marketing of Indian food products globally. This is not only enhancing the international visibility of Indian brands but also positioning them as leaders in the global food processing sector. Under PLI, investments exceeding ₹8,000 crore have already been made in food manufacturing facilities across the country, significantly boosting the food processing industry's capacity.

(d) 316 applications were received under the scheme. Currently 171 applications are approved under the scheme.

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