

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3257**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025

**SEED CAPITAL ASSISTANCE**

**3257. SMT. SUNETRA AJIT PAWAR:**  
**SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHARY:**  
**SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:**

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

- (a) the manner in which seed capital assistance contribute to the overall growth and sustainability of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the food processing industry;
- (b) the funds sanctioned as seed capital assistance to SHGs under the scheme till February 2025;
- (c) the impact of this seed capital assistance on the local economy and the empowerment of women, since many SHGs are women led;
- (d) the number of loans sanctioned and its financial worth under the scheme till February 2025 particularly in Maharashtra;
- (e) the number of Incubation centers approved and operational under the scheme till February 2025, State-wise, particularly in Maharashtra?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c):** Seed capital assistance under Centrally Sponsored "Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme" contributes to the overall growth and sustainability of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the food processing industry by providing collateral-free loans on flexible terms set by the respective SHG federation. Further, the seed capital remains in the SHG network's corpus fund, which circulates to support other SHG members and helps access formal bank loans through margin money contributions. As women gain economic control, it improves their livelihoods and promotes gender equality, social inclusion and overall social growth of the family. The details of support available for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under PMFME Scheme are at **Annexure-I**. Till date 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2025, a total of 3,27,074 SHG members have been sanctioned for seed capital assistance with an amount of Rs. 1101.27 crores.

**(d):** As of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 1,27,758 loans have been sanctioned with amount of Rs. 10138.64 crores out of which 22,167 loans sanctioned amounting to Rs. 1162.68 crores in the State of Maharashtra.

**(e):** As on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 75 incubation centres have been sanctioned in the country including Maharashtra, out of which 17 Incubation centres have been completed/ operational. The State-wise details of incubation centres are at **Annexure-II**.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3257 ANSWERED ON 28.03.2025 REGARDING “SEED CAPITAL ASSISTANCE”**

The following support is provided under PMFME Scheme in the country for all the products including ODOP products:

- (i). *Support to Individual / Group Category Micro Enterprises*: Credit-linked capital subsidy @35% of the eligible project cost, maximum ceiling Rs.10 lakh per unit;
- (ii). *Support to SHGs for seed capital*: Seed capital @ Rs. 40,000/- per member of SHG engaged in food processing for working capital and purchase of small tools subject to maximum of Rs. 4 lakhs per SHG Federation.
- (iii). *Support for Common Infrastructure*: Credit linked capital subsidy @35% subject to maximum of Rs. 3 crores to support FPOs, SHGs, Cooperatives and any Government agency for setting up of common infrastructure.
- (iv). *Branding and Marketing Support*: Grant upto 50% for Branding and Marketing to groups of FPOs/ SHGs/ Cooperatives or an SPV of micro food processing enterprises.
- (v). *Capacity Building*: The scheme envisages training for Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) to meet the requirement of food processing industry and product specific skilling.

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**STATE-WISE DETAILS OF INCUBATION CENTRES**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Incubation Centre approved</b>	<b>Incubation Centre completed/ operational</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	2	1
2	Assam	1	
3	Bihar	2	
4	Chhattisgarh	2	
5	Delhi	2	
6	Goa	1	
7	Himachal Pradesh	3	
8	Jammu And Kashmir	3	
9	Karnataka	14	6
10	Kerala	1	
11	Ladakh	2	
12	Madhya Pradesh	3	
13	Maharashtra	3	2
14	Mizoram	1	1
15	Nagaland	1	
16	Odisha	1	
17	Punjab	1	
18	Rajasthan	8	3
19	Sikkim	2	
20	Tamil Nadu	4	3
21	Telangana	3	1
22	Tripura	1	
23	Uttar Pradesh	14	
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>17</b>

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