GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
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COLD CHAIN INFRASTRUCTURE AND VALUE ADDITION THROUGH PMKSY

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Will the Minister of **Food Processing Industries** be pleased to state:

(a)   the national utilization and impact of the PM Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) and State food processing policies for cold chain infrastructure, including subsidies for integrated packhouses;

(b)   the establishment of integrated packhouses in key agricultural belts of Uttar Pradesh, along with the measures to improve supply chain efficiency, reduce food wastage and enhance farmer incomes through better storage and market access; and

(c)   the establishment of integrated packhouses in Auraiya's paddy belt and the linkage of MSMEs in Etawah's Bharthana block to these facilities for value addition and processing under the PMKSY?

ANSWER

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

(a).   Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a Central Sector Umbrella scheme "Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY)". Under various component schemes of PMKSY as on 30.06.2025, a total 1601 number of projects have been approved all over the country, out of which 1133 projects have been completed/operationalized, with total approved grant of Rs. 5365.32 crores creating a total preservation and processing capacity of 255.66 LMT/Annum, benefitting 3415102 no. of farmers and generating 433639 no. of employment. Under the integrated cold chain and value addition scheme of PMKSY, a total 395 no. of cold chain projects have been approved. Out of which, 27 projects have been approved in Uttar Pradesh including 01 project each in Auraiya and Etawah districts.

(b) & (c).   Under PMKSY standalone pack houses are not supported. However, under the component scheme Operation Greens, pack house as part of the eligible project subcomponent is supported. As on 30.06.2025, under the Operation Green scheme 04 no. of projects have been approved in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

D/o Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for holistic development of horticulture sector in the country including Uttar Pradesh for reducing the harvest and post-harvest losses. Under MIDH, financial assistance is provided for various Post-harvest loss Management Infrastructure such as setting up of Pack Houses, Integrated Pack Houses, cold storages, Reefer Transport,

Ripening Chamber etc. The component is demand/entrepreneur driven for which Government assistance in the form of credit linked back ended subsidy is available at the rate of 35 per cent of the project cost in general areas and at the rate 50 per cent of the project cost in hilly and scheduled areas through respective State Horticulture Mission (s) (SHMs).

Further, Department of Commerce through the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) provides financial assistance to its member exporters, for its scheduled agricultural products through its Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS). Under the scheme for development of Export Infrastructure, financial assistance is provided for setting up of packhouse facilities. APEDA has provided financial assistance to two exporters for setting up of Integrated pack house in Uttar Pradesh in the plan period of 2021-22 to 2025-26.

All the above-mentioned schemes aim towards creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlets which include storage, transportation, etc., thereby helping in providing better returns to farmers. Further, Creation of post-harvest infrastructure and processing facilities leads to reduction in post-harvest losses. These schemes are not region specific but demand driven and implemented all over India. Any eligible organization/entity from all over the country including Auraiya and Etawah districts of Uttar Pradesh may avail the financial schemes under these schemes.

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