

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.727**  
ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2025

**PROMOTING PEARL MILLET BASED PRODUCTS**

**727. SHRI MADAN RATHORE:**

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

- (a) whether Government is running any special campaign to increase the demand for pearl millet products in the country and abroad;
- (b) whether there is any plan to continue the PLIS-Millet Based Products scheme even after 2027;
- (c) whether minimum Support Price (MSP) has been fixed for pearl millet producers;  
and
- (d) whether the coarse grains produced in Rajasthan have been linked to export facility?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for the Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) for a period from FY 2021-22 to FY 2026-27. One component of the scheme focuses on Millet-Based Products, with an outlay of Rs. 800 crores. This component was launched keeping in view International Year of Millets (IYOM). The objectives of the PLI Scheme for Millet-Based Products (PLISMBP) are to increase the use of millets in food products and promote their value addition by incentivizing the manufacturing and sale of selected millet-based products in both domestic and export markets.

Apart from incentivizing millets-based food processing units under PLISMBP, millet-based units are also eligible for availing benefits under other MoFPI's schemes like Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY). MoFPI hosted the third edition of 'World Food India' from 19<sup>th</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024 in New Delhi. With participation from numerous international exhibitors and this event provided a platform for the millets-based food industry to showcase products globally and promote millet-based products in international buyers. Further, the Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce, has the mandate to promote export of agricultural products, including millets, from India. APEDA provides assistance to its registered exporters, including those of millets, under Agriculture & Processed Food Export Promotion Scheme of APEDA. The assistance is provided under various components of the schemes viz. Infrastructure Development, Quality Development and Market Development.

(b): At present, there is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

(c): For Pearl Millet (Bajra), the minimum support price (MSP) for Kharif Crops for Marketing Season 2025-2026 has been approved by the Government at Rs.2775 per quintal.

(d): As per the information available at the website of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), among all the states, Rajasthan has covered largest area under millets cultivation followed by, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Millets are exported to UAE, Saudi Arabia, Nepal, USA, Senegal, Germany, Japan etc. The Indian millets export realization was as follows:

	Volume of export FY24 (lakh MT)	Exported in FY24 (USD Million)
Millets	1.46	70.89

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