

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1514
ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2025

FOOD TESTING LABORATORIES IN RAIGAD DISTRICT, MAHARASHTRA

1514. SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to establish additional food testing laboratories in Raigad district in Maharashtra to promote the development of food processing industries;
- (b) if so, the details of such proposal including budget allocation and the estimated timeframe for its implementation; and
- (c) whether Government has assessed the need for strengthening food quality infrastructure in Raigad to meet regulatory and export standards?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI) does not establish food-testing laboratories on its own. The Scheme of Food Safety & Quality Assurance Infrastructure operates on a demand-driven basis. MOFPI provides financial assistance for setting up Food Testing Laboratories through proposals invited nationwide via Expressions of Interest (EOI) floated time to time on the SAMPADA Portal of the Ministry. Funds are allocated to proposals selected on merit, in line with the Scheme Guidelines available on Ministry's website.
