

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1516
ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2025

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR

1516. SMT. RAJATHI :

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the potential of the food processing sector in contributing to employment generation and overall industrial growth in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of employment of women, Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and minority community workers in the registered food processing sector during the last three years, Statewise; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to enhance employment generation in the food processing sector?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Food processing sector is one of the largest employment provider in the organized manufacturing sector contributing 12.91% of employment in the total registered/organized sector as per the report of Annual Survey of Industries 2022-23. Food Processing sector accounts for 20.4% of exports in total Agri-food exports in 2024-25 and having share of 7.93 % of Manufacturing Gross Value Added (GVA) in the country during 2023-24 (as per 1st Revised Estimates). The Gross Value Added (GVA) in this sector has increased from Rs.1.34 lakh Crore in 2014-15 to Rs 2.24 lakh crore in 2023-24 (as per 1st revised estimates).

(c) & (d): Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has conducted regular survey i.e. Annual Survey of Industries which covers the manufacturing units (including food processing sector) in the registered sector. As per the latest report of the Annual Survey of Industry (ASI) for the year 2023-24, State-wise women employment in the food processing sector is placed at **Annexure**. The information related to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and minority community workers has not been captured in ASI.

Further, in order to ensure overall development of food processing sector, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been incentivizing setting up/expansion of related infrastructure through its two Central Sector Schemes namely Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) and Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI). Further, a Centrally sponsored PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme is also being implemented by MoFPI. All these three schemes are demand driven and are implemented across the country and thereby creating off-farm employment opportunities in Food Processing Sector. So far, 4.53 lakh direct/ indirect employment opportunities have been generated from the operational projects under component schemes of PMKSY across the country, as on 31st October, 2025. 4.88 direct and indirect employment opportunities has been generated under PMFME scheme across the country, as on 31st October, 2025. 3.39 lakh direct/ indirect employment opportunities has been generated under PLISFPI across the country, as on 31st October, 2025.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) & (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
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State-wise estimate of Women Employment (Directly Employed) in the food processing
sector

S.No	State	Women (Directly employed)		
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	24	33	36
2	Andhra Pradesh	47102	44492	50454
3	Arunachal Pradesh	248	237	282
4	Assam	7276	8468	8223
5	Bihar	707	626	1000
6	Chandigarh	51	36	34
7	Chhattisgarh	1052	1848	2093
8	Dadra & N Haveli & Daman & Diu	160	196	220
9	Delhi	444	183	259
10	Goa	833	1564	945
11	Gujarat	9562	10704	11112
12	Haryana	1212	863	1198
13	Himachal Pradesh	429	471	633
14	Jammu & Kashmir	302	287	352
15	Jharkhand	872	557	608
16	Karnataka	15784	20488	21213
17	Kerala	43131	38999	38727
18	Ladakh	0	15	9
19	Madhya Pradesh	1750	2639	5637
20	Maharashtra	8738	8083	8108
21	Manipur	252	150	288
22	Meghalaya	67	65	82
23	Mizoram	28	28	30
24	Nagaland	22	25	23
25	Odisha	3691	2641	3592
26	Puducherry	284	497	432
27	Punjab	1322	9693	2667
28	Rajasthan	1404	2311	1654
29	Sikkim	445	470	491
30	Tamil Nadu	48869	45544	48941
31	Telangana	5302	6569	4980
32	Tripura	295	222	237
33	Uttar Pradesh	3016	3404	4373
34	Uttarakhand	708	797	850
35	West Bengal	4802	3845	4633

Source: Annual Survey of Industries, 2021-22 2022-23 & 2023-2024
