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MEGA FOOD PARKS & AGRO-PROCESSING CLUSTERS

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

- (a) the current status of Mega Food Parks, Agro Processing Clusters and Food Testing Labs operational and under construction in the country;
- (b) the reasons for delay in the under construction projects, if any, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures taken to improve last mile connectivity, logistics support and availability of raw materials for units in food parks; and
- (d) the extent to which these projects contributed in increasing farmers' income, reducing wastage and promoting local agricultural value chains?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing a central sector umbrella scheme called “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)” since 2017-18 across the country. The basic objective of the scheme is to ensure overall development of food processing sector in the country. The scheme aims to achieve the objective by providing incentives for creation of food processing & preservation infrastructure in the country. The PMKSY has 6 on-going component schemes and 2 discontinued component schemes (w.e.f. 01.04.2021) with committed liability. Under Agro Processing Clusters which is on-going component scheme of PMKSY, 67 number of projects have been approved, out of which 22 projects are operational. Under the Food Testing Labs scheme, which is also on-going component scheme of PMKSY, 205 number of projects have been approved, out of which 172 projects are completed. Further, under Mega Food Parks scheme, which is a discontinued component of PMKSY w.e.f. 01.04.2021, 41 number of projects have been approved, out of which 25 projects are operational.

(b): Delay in project implementation, if any, is mainly due to factors, such as delay in receipt of statutory clearances from the respective Agencies (including the Revenue Authority, Town Planning, Electricity Authority, Water Authority, Pollution Control Board, Licensing Authority etc.), delay in Term Loan Sanctions and disbursements, financial constraints faced by applicants.

(c): PMKSY is a central sector umbrella scheme under which financial assistance is provided to entrepreneurs for creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet thereby giving a boost to the growth of food processing sector in the country. The MFP Scheme functions on a cluster-based, hub-and-spoke model by establishing Mega Food Parks with the aim to facilitate the establishment of a strong food processing industry backed by an efficient supply chain which includes creation of infrastructure for primary processing and storage near the farm in the form of Primary Processing Centres (PPCs) and Collection Centres (CCs).

(d): Creation of post-harvest infrastructure and processing facilities under the above component schemes leads to reduction in post-harvest losses. These component schemes provide financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid to entrepreneurs for setting up of food processing/preservation infrastructure which, inter-alia, includes processing units, cold storages and refrigerated vehicles to minimize post-harvest losses. This provides a boost to the growth of food processing sector in the country and improves the capacity of food processing units, which help in providing better returns to farmers, especially in the rural areas, reducing wastage of agricultural produce, increasing the processing levels and enhancing exports of the processed foods.

With creation of food processing infrastructure, the demand of farm produce which is raw material for food processing units increases leading to better prices to farmers and increasing farm gate profitability. Under the component schemes Mega Food Park and Agro Processing Cluster of PMKSY, till October 2025, 141577 farmers have been benefitted and 36.22 LMT/Annum of preservation and processing capacity has been created, promoting the local agricultural value chain.
