

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3273
ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2026

IMPACT OF FOOD PROCESSING ON FARMERS' INCOMES

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of food processing on farmers' incomes, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) details of the value chain clusters developed by Government in the last five years, district-wise;
- (c) whether any mechanism exists to ensure better price realisation for farmers, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there has been any convergence with other agricultural and rural schemes, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measurable increase in farmer income attributable to food processing interventions?

ANSWER

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

(a): 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) and a Centrally sponsored PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme across the country.

The evaluation studies conducted for the relevant component schemes of PMKSY have concluded substantial benefit to the farmers from assisted projects. The evaluation study of Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure Scheme under PMKSY has estimated that captive projects under the scheme have resulted in increase in farm-gate prices by 12.38 % and each project is estimated to benefit more than 9500 farmers. The evaluation study of Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters under PMKSY has estimated to benefit 2.5 lakh farmers and 90,000 direct/indirect employment on operationalization of approved projects. The evaluation study of Creation / Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities under PMKSY estimated to benefit 1.87 lakh farmers and 2,23,919 direct/indirect employment on operationalization of approved projects.

The evaluation study of PMFME Scheme has reported that scheme has been able to support entrepreneurship, value addition, formalization, reduce wastage, increase investment and employment in food processing sector and has achieved better livelihood and income for the micro food entrepreneurs.

(b): The details of Agro-processing clusters approved under component scheme of PMKSY during last 5 years, since 2020-21 are at **Annexure**.

(c) to (e): Schemes of MoFPI are, inter alia, intended to increase the level of processing and decrease post-harvest losses, develop value-added products and thereby realize better prices for raw materials and thus increased income for the farmers.

Convergence of MoFPI schemes with agricultural and rural schemes is permissible and carried out as per the guidelines of the respective schemes.

Under PMFME Scheme, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for convergence of the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) Scheme, whereby PMFME beneficiaries who obtain credit linked subsidy, can also avail interest subvention under AIF. The seed capital component of PMFME scheme is implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3273 FOR ANSWER ON 20TH MARCH, 2026 REGARDING “IMPACT OF FOOD PROCESSING ON FARMERS' INCOMES”

Agro-processing clusters approved under corresponding component schemes of PMKSY since 2020-21

Sr.No	Project Name	District	Date of Approval	Project Cost (Rs. in Cr)	Approved Grant-in-aid (Rs. in Cr)
Andhra Pradesh					
1	Raman singhs Global Food Park	Eluru	20.11.2023	25.85	10.00
2	MR Agrotech Industries	Nellore	20.11.2023	28.76	10.00
3	Sri Lalitha Enterprises Industries Private Limited	East Godavari	28.02.2024	48.66	10.00
4	Aalamandha Food Park	Vizianagaram	28.02.2024	20.78	10.00
Assam					
5	Surindera Agro Processing Cluster	Darrang	30.03.2021	19.44	7.59
6	Salt Range Agri Solutions LLP	Morigaon	17.03.2021	23.06	9.89
7	Nezone Foods	Kamrup	10.11.2022	25.54	10.00
8	Kay Dee Agro Industries	Cachar	20.11.2023	27.24	10.00
Chhattisgarh					
9	K K Agro Trade Ventures Private Limited	Bemetara	28.02.2024	68.86	10.00
Gujarat					
10	Maharaja Dehydration Pvt. Ltd.	Bhavnagar	08.06.2020	16.11	4.31
Himachal Pradesh					
11	APG Foods Division Private Limited	Solan	28.02.2024	22.66	10.00
Karnataka					
12	Udupi Food Park	Udupi	16.03.2021	16.08	5.23
13	Sri Lakshmbalaji Agro Park Private Ltd	Koppal	10.11.2022	36.34	10.00
Kerala					
14	Synthite Industries Private Limited	Ernakulam	30.04.2020	42.22	9.05
Madhya Pradesh					
15	Prashun Foods Pvt Ltd	Dhar	24.12.2020	23.6	9.86
Maharashtra					
16	Pravin Masalewale	Satara	24.12.2020	64.69	10.00

17	Baheti Krushi Samuha LLP	Washim	16.03.202 1	12.54	2.84
18	Chinteshwar Agro Processing Pvt Ltd	Beed,	17.11.202 1	22.50	8.27
19	M/s Varsha Agro	Pune	10.11.202 2	40.67	10.00
20	Arya Food and Other Products Processing Unit	Solapur	20.11.202 3	28.54	10.00
21	Divyansh Agro And Food Park	Bhandra	10.11.202 2	26.65	10.00
22	Harrshiv Healthy Foods and More Private Limited	Nagpur	28.02.202 4	39.32	10.00
Odisha					
23	Vijaya Nagar Biotech Private Limited	Nabarangpur	10.11.202 2	50.52	10.00
Rajasthan					
24	Garuda Urban Remedies Limited	Jalore	10.11.202 2	38.65	10.00
25	Greenfields Agro Park	Tonk	20.11.202 3	23.21	8.64
Tamil Nadu					
26	Tiruvannamalai Market Committee	Tiruvannam alai	29.04.202 0	25.50	5.74
27	Salem Market Committee	Salem	29.04.202 0	25.25	5.97
28	Theni Market Committee	Theni	29.04.202 0	26.30	5.99
29	Dharmapuri Market Committee	Krishnagiri	29.04.202 0	26.82	5.89
30	Madurai Market Committee	Madurai	29.04.202 0	32.06	5.79
31	Dindigul Market Committee	Dindigul	29.04.202 0	29.01	6.73
32	Cuddalore Market Committee	Cuddalore	29.04.202 0	25.00	5.97
33	Delta Foods	Pudukkottai,	08.06.202 0	24.31	7.47
34	Vamsi RS Industrial Zone	Erode	17.11.202 1	33.16	9.13
35	Integrated Service Point Private Limited	Thiruvallur	28.02.202 4	42.63	10.00
Telangana					
36	Kakumanu Seeds	Siddipet	29.04.202 0	39.8	7.43
37	Mahadevi Agro Mills Private Limited	Siddipet	10.11.202 2	44.48	10.00
38	Gayatri Agro Industrial Power Limited	Nalgonda	10.11.202 2	23.39	5.82
39	Rajendar Feeds LLP	Siddipet	20.11.202 3	44.00	10.00
