

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
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FOOD PROCESSING INFRASTRUCTURE AND PM-FME SCHEME

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

- (a) the number of micro food processing enterprises supported under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) scheme, State-wise;
- (b) the extent of reduction in post-harvest losses due to creation of cold chain infrastructure;
- (c) whether any evaluation has been conducted of Mega Food Parks and their utilization levels; and
- (d) the steps taken to enhance value addition and exports of processed food products?

ANSWER

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

(a): Under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, loans for 1,72,707 micro food processing enterprises have been sanctioned as on 31st December 2025. The State-wise details are at **Annexure I**.

(b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) estimates post-harvest losses from time to time for various agri-produces in the country through commissioning of studies based on primary surveys. Two studies were commissioned by the Ministry through (i) Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) -Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology (CIPHET), 2015 with reference year 2012-14 and (ii) NABARD Consultancy Service Pvt. Ltd (NABCONS), 2022 with reference year 2020-22. Accordingly, the estimated percentage of Harvest and Post-Harvest loss of various agricultural produce in India at various stages of the supply chain is at **Annexure II**.

In addition to this, the study on Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure (ICC & VAI) conducted by this Ministry through M/s AMS, New Delhi reported that 45.76 Lakh MT Per Annum has been processed carrying a value of Rs. 25525.88 crore by implementing ICC & VAI across the country.

(c): Under the Mega Food Park Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), Assessment / impact evaluation study of the scheme were being carried out regularly through third party in the years 2012, 2014 & 2015 and the last assessment was done in 2020-21. Impact evaluation report has recommended to critically review and relaunch the scheme with significant modification or to design a new scheme (in consultation with industry and other stakeholders) that complements the existing Mega Food Park projects and accelerates the promotion of food processing sector in the country.

The scheme has requirement of at least 50 acres of land, which often was a deterrent in hilly and difficult areas. After taking into account recommendations of many state Governments & Working Group constituted under 12th FC, a new scheme of Agro Processing Cluster was launched under PMKSY to develop common infrastructure in relatively smaller geographical area of 10 acres. Since the intent behind MFP scheme was already supplanted under APC scheme, hence it has been decided to discontinue the MFP scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2021 with provision for committed liability.

(d): Under the PMFME Scheme, support is provided to individual micro food processing enterprises, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), cooperatives, and Self Help Groups (SHGs) with credit-linked capital subsidy, capacity building, branding and marketing support. The capital subsidy support is provided to the micro food processing enterprises for purchase of plant and machinery and technical civil work to modernize and promote value addition. Capacity Building programmes are conducted to improve product quality, packaging and compliance with food safety and export standards.

Branding and Marketing support under the PMFME Scheme with a grant of upto 50% of the eligible project cost is provided to the groups of FPOs/SHGs/Cooperatives or an Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of micro food processing enterprises following the cluster approach for developing a common brand with provision for quality control, standardisation, packaging and adhering to food safety parameters for consumer retail sale. In order to promote the exports of processed food products, support is provided to establish end-to-end market linkages through buyer–seller meets, participation in fairs and exhibitions, and integration with organised retail and e-commerce platforms. In addition, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) provides incentives to processed food exporters including micro food processors under its different schemes for Infrastructure Development, Quality, Market Development etc.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3906 FOR ANSWER ON 27.03.2026 REGARDING “FOOD PROCESSING INFRASTRUCTURE AND PM-FME SCHEME

State-wise number of loans sanctioned under PMFME Scheme as on 31st December 2025

SN	State/UT	Number of Micro Enterprises
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	18
2	Andhra Pradesh	8651
3	Arunachal Pradesh	149
4	Assam	5194
5	Bihar	28648
6	Chandigarh	5
7	Chhattisgarh	1442
8	Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	12
9	Delhi	378
10	Goa	141
11	Gujarat	1217
12	Haryana	1737
13	Himachal Pradesh	2628
14	Jammu And Kashmir	2121
15	Jharkhand	4665
16	Karnataka	8402
17	Kerala	8478
18	Ladakh	96
19	Madhya Pradesh	13221
20	Maharashtra	27360
21	Manipur	310
22	Meghalaya	237
23	Mizoram	67
24	Nagaland	440
25	Odisha	3075
26	Puducherry	203
27	Punjab	3108
28	Rajasthan	1444
29	Sikkim	66
30	Tamil Nadu	17869
31	Telangana	7345
32	Tripura	286
33	Uttar Pradesh	22060
34	Uttarakhand	1087
35	West Bengal	547
	Total	172707

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3906 FOR ANSWER ON 27.03.2026 REGARDING “FOOD PROCESSING INFRASTRUCTURE AND PM-FME SCHEME”

Post-harvest losses of major crops and commodities

Crops/ Commodities	Loss (%)	
	As per ICAR-CIPHET Study (2015)*	As per NABCONS study (2022)**
Cereals	4.65 - 5.99	3.89-5.92
Pulses	6.36 - 8.41	5.65-6.74
Oil Seeds	3.08 - 9.96	2.87-7.51
Fruits	6.70-15.88	6.02-15.05
Vegetables	4.58-12.44	4.87-11.61
Plantation Crops & Spices	1.18-7.89	1.29-7.33
Milk	0.92	0.87
Fisheries (Inland)	5.23	4.86
Fisheries (Marine)	10.52	8.76
Meat	2.71	2.34
Poultry	6.74	5.63
Egg	7.19	6.03

Source: *Report on Assessment of Quantitative Harvest and Post Harvest Losses of Major Crops and commodities in India, 2015. **NABCONS Study 2022
